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to  
The Mint  
for  
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Treasury Department

January 4th. 1855

Sir,

Your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> ult. has been delivered by Doctor Finley.

The Department cannot directly make the advance to Dr. Finley for the purpose specified, but if, on his return from Phila. you will reimburse him the amount of his expenses thither, that sum will be allowed you in the settlement of your accounts for paper vouchers being presented.

I am  
Sir

Wm. Ignatius St. Louis

Athens Georgia



15  
Sir

Dear Sir

I am desired by the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means to furnish him with an explanation of the items of the estimate submitted by you for the expenses of the Mint for the present year. Mr Cambridge is herewith inclosed.

You will much oblige me by enabling me to answer his inquiries as soon as practicable.

I am very respectfully

Yours obtlly

Alfred Young  
Chief Clerk

Wm R Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>



15  
Frederick Sept

Jan'y 11<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir:

The President approves of  
the nomination of Mr DuBois as an  
Assistant Sayer, & of Mr James Rogers  
as clerk, in the report, at the January  
meeting, as made in your favor of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
with, added to this letter.

Yours. Sir.

SW

R. M. Patterson Esq

Mount Philadelphia



Treasury Department

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir:

It gives me pleasure to state that the President approves of the die so transmitted in your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. Altho' it is to be regretted that the pole of liberty had not been somewhat higher, and the feet of the figure <sup>gooder</sup> ~~liberty~~ <sup>liberty</sup> visible, so as to show more distinctly the design & character of the impression.

Sincerely,

Wm. L. Garrison

J R W Patterson Esq

Dist Mnt

Phila



Treasury Department  
 Jan<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir,

My friend

The Board of Mr Peck, with sheweth,  
 for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office,  
 enclosed in your favour of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, has been received  
 & is approved -

I am waiting with some anxiety,  
 for your annual Report, & have been to express the  
 hope that it may soon be forthcoming.

I am

Very  
 sincerely  
 Yours

Dr R M Patterson

Director of the Mint



Mint file <sup>21</sup>

Tues, last

Feb 22<sup>d</sup> 1856

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> ult.  
I have to say that before you can purchase  
any machinery for the purpose mentioned in  
your letter, it will be necessary that you  
should advise with, or have the sanction of,  
the Director of the Mint in Phila.

Very  
Sincerely  
yours

Mr Ignatius M. Sew

Sup: Mint Columbus

Georgia



Treasury Department

February 9th 1836

Sir:

I herewith enclose you a copy of a Resolution of the Senate, with a request that you will, as soon as convenient, communicate to this Department the information desired by the Resolution.

I am &c

L<sup>th</sup>

Secy of Tr

To

D<sup>r</sup> C. M. Patterson

Mont

1836



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Treasury Department  
Feb. 16th. 1836

Sir

Permit me, very respectfully, to remind  
you, that you have not transmitted your monthly  
statement for the month of January, of the transacting  
of the Mint of the United States, according to the directions  
of this Department. <sup>and to request that it should be done</sup>  
as it is wanted for <sup>public purposes</sup> ~~the Department of that duty~~ for the future, most early &  
punctually attended to, ~~so that it is wanted for public purposes~~

I am, Sir, your most obedt. servt.

L. Wardlaw

Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson

Phila



Treasury Department  
Feb. 6th 1856

Sir,

Should the Secretary of the Treasury be  
hereafter, authorized to supply the United States with  
foreign gold and bullion for coinage, how much, <sup>more</sup> in that  
~~case~~ <sup>case</sup> of  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{4}$  eagles could probably, be coined during  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> year, than if the supply were to <sup>decrease, entirely</sup> remain  
as heretofore upon the Banks & individuals of  
that purpose. - at early <sup>an</sup> issue as may be deemed  
a respectably required I am  
LW

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director Mint

Very ofcly  
Yours

Phila



(<sup>4</sup>ment)

Hecht

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1836

Dear Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> in regard to your purchase of <sup>a part of</sup> the  
old Mint property, and have written to the  
Directors of the Mint (to whom I refer you)  
to take the proper steps to procure you a title  
to your purchase.

Very

Yours

Very of you

Wm. Carr & Co

Phila.



4 Sept  
Dec 1944 1836

Sir,

I have just recd a letter from  
Messrs. ~~Cartt~~ & Leunt, stating that they have  
a part of the old Mint property at the octavo sale  
& that they have, thus far, been unable to obtain  
possession for want of the necessary title —

If the fact, <sup>as to the purchase</sup> be as stated, & the purchasers  
have ~~complied~~ <sup>complied</sup> with their part of the contract,  
I have to request that you will send a  
deed for their purchase to this Dept to be duly  
executed by the proper authorities as soon as  
any be convenient.

D R. M. Patterson

Wm A Phil

I am  
Sir  
Very truly  
yours



Treasury Department  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

Sir:

As it is deemed proper that the contract for the building of the Mint at Charlotte should be filed in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, you will please send by the first opportunity to this office a copy of it. you will, of course, keep for your own guidance —

Samuel M. Comb En  
Sup. Mint  
Charlotte  
N.C.

Yours  
L. W.  
L. W. [Signature]



Treasury Department  
March 7th 1836

Sir.

Please furnish this Department  
(as it cannot readily be obtained here) with  
the Amount of Coinage at the Mint in  
each year since its organization, up to  
the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1836; distinguishing the amount  
of the different denominations - I should like  
it in the form of a tabular statement.

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director Mint  
Phila.

Yours  
J. M.  
J. M.



Treasury Department  
March 24 1836

Sir:

Let me urge upon you the utmost  
dispatch, practicable in the coinage of gold  
that all applicants may be supplied  
at the earliest ~~possible~~ day.

R. M. Patterson

Director Mint

Philadelphia

Sam<sup>l</sup> W

S<sup>r</sup> W

Wm J. Tracy



Treasr Sept

March 8th 1858

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 27th ult. and, in reply, inform you, that on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst, a warrant for \$3000 was issued in your favour, which, I trust, has ere this (or will very soon) reach you - that being about the full amount to which Mr Brown, the Architect, is entitled, if your estimate of the work, actually executed be accurate -

From an examination of the Contract, I cannot easily see how any difficulty can arise between yourself & the Contractor as to the amount of money to which he may, from time to time, be entitled - It is very explicit - It states that the whole sum shall be paid in "four different instalments, at such times during the progress of the work as the aforesaid Bay Brown may require from the said Treas, provided that in no instalment, or at no time, shall a larger amount be paid to the ~~the work~~ aforesaid than the work then executed and actually finished is worth, & the value thereof shall be estimated by the aforesaid Treas, he being sole judge thereof for said purpose."

Yours

Wm Ignatius A. Lewis  
Com. Mount Mint  
Columbus  
Georgia

LW  
Very Resp<sup>tly</sup>



Treasury Department

March 16th 1836

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 14th instant, enclosing the tabular statement asked for in my letter of the 7 inst. - Also, the one which you send. which I will show to Mr. Gillet - I think it will answer the purpose well -

I am &amp;c

Sir

R M Patterson Esq  
Director  
Mint  
Phil.

Lump Sum



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Treasury Department

March, 18th. 1896

Sir:

Please to send me, for the use of  
the Committee, nine mm gold pieces of the denom-  
ination of a dollar - and advise me when they  
are sent. I will remit you a check for the amount of  
the dollars.

I am very

Levi Woodbury

Very respectfully

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Mint

Phila.



Treasury Department

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1836

Sir:

I am in the receipt of your letter  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst - And in reply, have to say that  
from <sup>best</sup> under the circumstances that the House of Reps.  
refused a concurs in the resolution of the  
Senate in relation to the <sup>case of Dr Barclay</sup> matter referred to, I doubt  
the propriety <sup>or legality</sup> of your paying <sup>his</sup> Dr Barclay's expenses out of  
the contingent fund of the mint - and, therefore, think  
that ~~you ought not to do it~~

I am &c

LW

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director Mint

By order

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Treasury Department  
April 12th 1836

Sir,

Y<sup>r</sup> favour of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation to the  
re-coining of foreign <sup>gold</sup> coins, with silver alloy, ~~has been received,~~  
~~and~~ I have to state that if the Act of 24 April 1800  
Sec 2<sup>d</sup> has not heretofore been construed to reach the case  
in question, as being below the standard of the silver in  
the alloy a part of the expense of refining, I think the  
expense in the first case must be charged to the United  
States — But, it seems to me, if there be no precedent  
or usage to the contrary, to come within the above  
Section —

I am

Dr R M Patterson  
Min<sup>r</sup>  
Chie<sup>r</sup>

L<sup>W</sup>  
Very respectfully



Henry Scherbert  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 1796

Sir,

The delay in the coinage at the Mint having been the cause, I understand, of some inconvenience to depositors of Bullion &c, I have to request that, so far as practicable, the coin may be remedied, & that, if possible, in future, every deposition of Bullion & foreign coin, may, in every case, be completed & ready for delivery, if desired, within 40 days of the time of its deposit: but, in case any one deposit be so large as to render its coinage impossible within that time, a portion only of it shall be completed, & the smaller deposits attended to, if it be a case, where by law you are empowered to postpone -

If your means, at present, are insufficient to meet, promptly, the wants of the public, I should be glad to be apprized of the fact, & furnished with a statement of the deficiencies & and extent of their cost &c

J R M Patterson  
Mint  
Phila

Henry

Henry Scherbert



Thos. S. Spaulding

April 8th 1856

Sir:

Can inform me, if in your power, when the  
machinery for the New Orleans Branch will be finished  
or ready for transport to New Orleans?

I am Sir,

Yours  
Secretary of T.

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director Minn.

Yours



Many sect

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 9<sup>th</sup>  
last. inclosing two engravings of a ~~second~~ <sup>kind of an eagle</sup> die of liberty -  
and in reply, state, that no objections to the proposed  
emblem is seen worth noticing, except that the attitude  
for flight on its prey is considered best when India ink is  
used, & for distant flight that with the pen, tho' in the last  
perhaps, the mouth should be closed - But it is the earnestly  
desired that no obstacle which can be surmounted  
will be allowed to postpone for a single day, the  
most rapid & efficient progress practicable in the  
coinage both of gold & silver that may be a hand -  
<sup>or maybe</sup>  
<sup>hereafter received</sup>  
P.S. The drawings are herewith return.

R M Patterson  
Dr Mint  
Chico

I am  
S W  
Very Obedtly



Secretary, Department of the Treasury  
 22 May 1862

On the 15th of May per package of coins from the Coin of the Treasury Building on Comptroller to the Director of the Mint with an report that he would ascertain the value of the coins and the amount to be sent to the Mint of the Treasury of the State.

On 16th day the 17th day following the Director acknowledged the receipt of coins and states that the amount when ascertained shall be paid to the credit of the Treasurer of the State and the Department advised of it.

No advice having been received at the Department, of the amount deposited it is presumed the matter has been overlooked. I write to thank you for it your attention and to let me know, as early as may be, the value of the coin, referred to.

I remain very Respectfully,  
 Yours Truly,  
 Sec. of the Treasury

W. Patterson  
 Director of the Mint



To be rec<sup>d</sup> in  
Ment Record &  
also in Misc Rec<sup>d</sup> 43 - mint 9

Treasury Department  
May 12. 1856

Enclosed is a copy of an application  
from the Directors of the Mint at Philadelphia  
asking to be furnished with four series of rights  
in order for the use of their institutions and its  
branches. They are accordingly authorized to have  
the same in the same manner as the Directors  
provided their fabrication does not interfere in  
of those  
of those  
Bureau shall have been furnished

As it is proper that the cost of  
the rights referred to should be paid at the  
application for the rights of the Mint, you  
will be pleased to keep an account of the same  
near as convenient  
as a report thereon to the Department when  
ascertained

H. R. Master Engineer  
Superintendent of the Mint  
Washington

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servant

Wm. A. Rorer



Received Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> May 1836

Pa.

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> in reply to one from me dated the 21<sup>st</sup> and sent by mistake. After it had been prepared by one of the Clerks of the Dept. and signed by me, I countermanded its transmission with a view of making further enquiry into the subject, under the impression, (of which I am now convinced) that the decision on the precedents was erroneous - According to the precedents <sup>of which I missed</sup> found here ~~that~~ in my previous letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> <sup>last</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> appeal to have examined by you, & to be guided on the subject the charge for alloy in this case should be deducted not from the contingent fund of the Mint, but from the out of the certificate <sup>of deposit</sup>. You will, therefore, correct the error, if practicable, into which <sup>have by accident</sup> you were led, & make out a new certificate accordingly: as from the first my.

Wm. B. Miles



ought has been to adhere to the former practice.

In regard to the subject of <sup>wastage</sup> ~~cost~~ it shall  
be duly considered.

Yours L<sup>th</sup>

R M Patterson Esq  
Denver, Colo

Phil

P. S. I would suggest to you whether silver should be used so liberally  
in the alloy, unless the parties desiring desire it,  
as the expense is thus incurred without any increased  
value for circulation being given to the coin.

L<sup>th</sup>



Treasury Department  
May 30: 1836

Sir

Your letter of the 28 inst is before me.  
I have sent a copy of your letter & estimates, of the  
27 to the Committee of Ways & Means of the  
House of Representatives in order that an  
appropriation may be made, if Congress deem  
it proper, to pay for the silver alloy.

In the mean time I have directed  
further enquiries: but am not yet satisfied that  
the silver like the copper alloy, ought not to be  
charged to the Depositors, unless Congress should  
make a special appropriation to pay it.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Sunt mit

Phil

Yours



Treasury Department

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1836

Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. with ten quarter eagles struck from the French Indemnity gold, and enclose you, herewith, my individual draft for the amount of them. They will be quite a curiosity, as a part of the long expected Indemnity. In regard to the silver alloy, you have seen this. I presume, received another line from me, and the subject may be left where it is, until Congress shall act upon it, or adjourn.

Dr R. M. Patterson      Saml W.  
Director mint, Phila.

N. B. A draft is herewith sent you on the Grand Bank.



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Recd. Dep.  
June 10th 1856

Sir.

I send you, enclosed, a copy  
of a letter recd this morning from George  
Newbold Esq, the President of the Bank of  
America - I regret the disappointment  
to what he refers, & hope ~~with~~ there  
may be no recurrence of it. & that  
the most efficient steps will be taken  
to hasten the gold coinage hereafter.

R M Patterson Esq

Mint

Phil.

Yrs  
pr

Wm. H. R. H.



May Sept.

June 21. 1876

Dear Sir,

I am in the receipt of your  
favor of the 18th and am happy to hear  
of the success of the gold coinage.

Very  
Yours

R M Patterson *Secretary of Treasury*

Respectfully

Phila



Treasury Dept

July 7th: 1836

Sir,

I send you, enclosed, a copy of an order of the President to this Department - and I have to request that you will, hereafter, report to me, from time to time what amount of gold & silver you may need in order to carry into full effect the order of the President under the sect of the Act <sup>referred to in the</sup> enclosed. adu.

Yours

R M. Patterson. *Leahy*  
 Director Mint

Wile.

Hiles



Treasury Department  
 July 11<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst relating to a supply of Bullion for the operations of the Mint, and herewith enclose a copy of a letter this day addressed to the Girard Bank on that subject. Whenever Bullion is required you will be pleased to give <sup>reasonable previous</sup> notice of the amount to the Girard Bank, and to this Department, and whenever an amount shall be coined, you will furnish notice thereof to this Department, in order that the transfers referred to may be promptly ordered.

I am Sir

very respectfully

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Wm. Patterson Esquire  
 Director of the Mint  
 Philadelphia

Secretary of the Treasury



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Treasury department  
July 27 1866

Sir,  
Herewith enclose you a copy of a letter received at  
this department from George A. B. [unclear] President of the  
Bank of America at New York, relating to the supply of bullion  
to the mint for coinage. Under the law, you will probably  
be authorized to charge any necessary expenses of the  
transportation of bullion, & of premiums if any should become  
proper - either to your contingencies or to the account  
of money transported to supply bullion for coinage.

Have requested Mr. A. B. [unclear] to communicate  
with you on this subject from time to time, and  
will soon make final arrangement for your  
supply. The Cashier of the United States Bank has been  
this day requested to deposit \$200,000 dollars with  
you for coinage for your use, I am, Sir,  
very respectfully,  
your obedient servant  
Director of the mint

S. It is desirable that quarter eagles should be coined to supply  
the wants of the country, when the orders of the department  
do not forbid it.



Treasury Department  
July 29th, 1836

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of the 14th ult. I have directed a transfer warrant, on the Girard Bank in your favor, <sup>for the \$200,000</sup> to be sent to you by this day's mail.

In this draft you will get such bullion as you need if the Bank can furnish it, but if not, take it in ~~the~~ specie & purchase <sup>note</sup> bullion at the lowest rate.

I have to request that you will open a new account with the Treasury as to these transfers and the proceeds of them & notify the Dept thereof when the coin is ready for use.

Very  
res

R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director Mint

Phila.



Treasury Department  
July 22<sup>d</sup> 1836

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst suggesting the scarcity of silver bullion at Philadelphia. I have this day written to George Newbold Esq President of the Bank of America at New York requesting him to transmit by you if convenient \$200,000 in silver bullion to be coined, which if received will keep the mint employed until the question relative to transfers, referred to the Attorney General shall be settled.

With regard to retaining the gold coin produced by the eighth remittance of the French indemnity in Philadelphia - it is probable, that the Bank of America will consent to exchange any portion or the whole of it, for cash in New York should any of the Banks or individuals in Philadelphia request it. Prompt payment cannot be made for business  
de-



deposited by individuals, excepting at a deduction  
of half per cent by the express provision of the law,  
to which it can hardly be expected they will  
consent; when an arrangement may probably  
be made, ~~free~~ from any deduction. I am therefore  
making an arrangement under the law with a view to  
secure a full & constant supply of land, in

very respectfully  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam Woodbury  
Secretary of the

Roll Patten &

Director of the Mint

Roll Patten & Co Philadelphia

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia



14. 11. 1836

Recorded - Bank Record  
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Bk of Minst  
Period, both

Trinity Episcopal  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 1836

Sir,

I have the pleasure to receive your letter  
of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the Bank of America  
in Europe. I shall be happy to send through the  
note from the Bank of America to the Bank of London  
which I have the honor to direct the Bank of London to  
be done. A copy of your letter will be transmitted  
to them and be with the request to give them the  
best notice is wanted.

Perhaps I may be able to give occasionally  
to correspond with him on this subject - as it seems  
to me to be able to supply a part of his wants in  
Philadelphia.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully  
your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Lewis Walling  
Secretary of the Trinity

From the Bank of  
Minst of the Bank of America  
New York



Treasury Department

August 8. 1836.

bin

I transmit enclosed a transfer draft in  
your favor on the Manhattan C<sup>y</sup> N<sup>y</sup>. for Two hundred  
thousand Dollars. With the amount of this draft

and of such others <sup>as</sup> you may request and receive

hereafter in the same manner, you will be pleased to supply the Mint with <sup>suitable notes of</sup> foreign coins or bullion, for coinage, so as to keep it constantly and usefully employed - and to

keep a separate <sup>Statement of</sup> ~~account~~ <sup>all the</sup> of every transaction connected with these transfers and the purchase of the Bullion or for coin - the expense of transportation <sup>you</sup> ~~average~~ <sup>see</sup> so that the account may be without difficulty adjusted at the Department hereafter -

You will charge yourself with the amount of the transfer drafts  
and with cash received for coin paid out  
received by you, and credit yourself with the amount of ~~the~~ <sup>interest on the same</sup>

~~coins produced from the Bullion & for coins~~ <sup>purchased</sup> ~~produced~~ <sup>in exchange</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>received</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>that</sup>

Spaid out by you

account and with the expenses of staying &c

When there shall be on hand <sup>in</sup> at the mint, ~~where~~ <sup>where</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> be ~~beneficially~~ <sup>advantageously</sup> applied to the purchase of ~~can be beneficially applied~~ <sup>can be</sup> ~~used~~ <sup>used</sup> in obtaining mine bullion.



Massary Department  
August 9. 1836.

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The communicators having, for some time, been  
second him goes at this Department, relative to the cost of the  
building for the Bureau of the Mint at N. Orleans, would thank  
you to report to me, at as early a period as may be convenient, what  
progress has been made in this ~~part of the business~~ - what  
amount of expenditure has been incurred & when the whole will be finished.

I will only add, that it is my desire that the building should be completed and the Mill be in operation by the next meeting of Congress, or at all events by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next, if practicable.

I remain very Respy

Yours truly

Sam Woodbury

Sec. of the Treasury

Martin Gardner Esq.

Superintendent of the Mint

M. Orleans.



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T. Dept.

Aug 22. 36

Th.

Your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. has been  
recd. and I regret much to hear of the illness  
in your family.

I hope <sup>forwarded</sup> your ~~will~~ the  
congratulations will be ~~forwarded~~ as far as possible  
practicable. I am  
S<sup>r</sup>

Robt M. Patterson Esq  
Director of Affairs  
Nul<sup>a</sup>



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Treasury Department

August 22, 1861

Sir,

A communication dated the 15<sup>th</sup> instant has been received and the plan which you have submitted for the keeping and adjustment of the United accounts is under consideration and you shall soon be advised of the result.

It is proper, however, to inform you that the Attorney General has been consulted and has given it as his opinion that the money transferred to the Treasury under the provision of the 12<sup>th</sup> sec. of the Act to regulate the deposits of the public money must be considered as money still in the Treasury subject to draft, and that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan. next it is to be deposited as a part of the five millions of dollars to be received by the provision of the 12<sup>th</sup> sec. of said Act.

By this decision you will perceive that your former estimate on some degree contracted; but the Department will be desirous to place at your disposal, from time to time such sums as

may



array to clerk, in respect to facilitate of operations  
and which ~~can~~ be shared from the amount to be assessed,  
in conformity with the above opinion of the Attorney General.

I remain very Dear  
Your Obedt. Servt

John Van Camp  
S. of the Treasury

G. R. Patterson

Director of the Mint

~~with a view to the same~~  
~~the same~~  
 right in deposit and delivery. The same shall be  
 transfer to the order of the committee and be  
 in favor of the Treasurer of the State and with all  
 the amount heretofore transmitted to the Secretary, be



Treasury Department  
August 20. 1836.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant and I thank you for the information it contains.

The suggestions submitted by you on the 24<sup>th</sup> as to the course to be pursued in the purchase of metal for coinage at the Mint under the provision of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sect. of the Act of Congress of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June last have been under consideration. I transmit a copy of a Report received from the Treasurer of the United States to whom they were referred for examination, and I approve of the modifications recommended by that officer that the transfers be made to the Treasurer instead of the Director of the Mint and as to the manner in which the moneys so transferred shall be kept on deposit and disbursed. The transfers therefore, hereafter made under the provision of the above Act will be in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint and will, with the amount heretofore transmitted to the Director, be



placed to the credit of the Mint of the United States in the  
Bank of America at New York and Citizens Bank of  
Philadelphia to be disbursed by the Treasurer upon warrants  
of the Director as directed by the Act of Congress and as neces-  
sary in the Treasury's interest.

Your communication of the 21st has been referred to the  
Comptroller of the Treasury for examination, and to report on the  
suggestions it contains in relation to the form of the accounts  
of the Mint for receipts and expenditures. The latter  
act shall be kept and revised. The result of his examination  
as soon as received shall be communicated to you.

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours Wm. D. Sewell

Secy of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Phil<sup>a</sup>



18 Sept

Aug. 27 36

Sir,

The impression of the reverse  
intended for the new dollar, and in your letter of  
the 25<sup>th</sup> inst is approved.

I am &c  
Sir

Very of your

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director of Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>



Treasury Department  
Sept. 20. 1846.

Sir,

I send enclosed a copy of the Report  
of the Comptroller of the Treasury, on the for proposed  
by you for keeping the Mint accounts &c

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt Servt  
Caleb B. Smith  
Secy of the Treasry

D. W. Patterson -  
Director of the Mint  
Wash<sup>g</sup>



Trea: Dept. Sep. 15. 1836.

Sir:

Your favour of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst has been recd  
Though all the money at the Mint must stand  
to the charge of the Treasurer thereof, yet the  
Director is considered the agent for procuring  
Metal for coinage and can draw ~~and can draw~~  
out the money in the usual way for that purpose  
when he wishes to obtain metal. So the premiums  
to be paid, if any, in any case, will be made up in  
the end from the contingent fund or otherwise, & the  
amount in deposit will then ~~in the end~~, be left  
whole.

I therefore hope that you will conform  
to the views of the Comptroller & Treasurer in respect  
to the mode of keeping the accounts & when metal  
is likely to be needed, to keep the Mint actively employed.  
That you will take suitable & proper steps to procure  
all that must be done under the laws which can be  
consistently given to it by ~~the~~ *the*  
R. M. Patterson Esq

Director Mint

Phila



Recd. Sept  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856.

G.  
Sir.

Please inform this Department.  
by the 1. proximo, or soon, if practicable,  
what <sup>has been</sup> progress made in procuring the machinery  
for the Mank Mints. at New Orleans. Baltimore  
& Charlotte, N.C.

Very  
Yrs

R M Patterson Esq  
Director  
Mint.



Treasury Department

Oct 3. 1836

Sir,

You will please inform this  
Department by the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month, or as  
soon thereafter as practicable, of the progress  
made in the Mint building, under your  
charge -

Saml<sup>r</sup>

Superintendents of Mints

~~at New Orleans,~~

" Dahlonega, Georgia, &  
Charlotte, N.C.



Treasury Department  
October 9th 1836

Sir,

Your favour of the 5th inst, covering your monthly statement for September of the gold coinage at the Mint of the United States has been received.

I hope you will continue to push the gold coinage with all practicable dispatch.

I am

Sr

Wm. F. F.

A. M. Patterson Esq  
Director Mint  
Phila.



Heas. Sept.

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1876

Sir,

I send you the enclosed paper of  
Mr Levy with a request that you will  
give them a careful examination &  
report to this Department or soon thereafter  
at any suit your convenience

Yours  
J. W.

R. W. Patterson Esq  
District Clerk

Ohio



Treasury Department

Oct 10th 1856.

Sir,

I send you <sup>subjoined</sup> annexed a copy of my letter to  
 you of the 5th inst, <sup>in relation to Mr Levy's Plate (price of the paper in putting of the letter)</sup> which by <sup>the</sup> mistake, was sent to a  
 gentleman (to whom I had occasion to write) of your  
 name in Ohio.

I am, Sir, respectfully  
 your obedient servant.

L<sup>o</sup>.L<sup>o</sup>.

R. M. Patterson Esq,

Minst

Phelia

Treas Dept

Oct 5. 1856

Sir, I send you the enclosed papers of  
 Mr Levy with a request that you will give them a  
 careful examination and report to this Department as soon  
 thereafter as may suit your convenience -

R. M. Patterson Esq  
 Minst Phil.

L<sup>o</sup>.



Treasury Department

Oct 11th: 1836

Sir,

Please inform this Department as  
soon after the 1st proximo, as may be practicable  
of the ~~whole~~ <sup>amount</sup> ~~extent~~ of the gold coinage <sup>at</sup> ~~then~~ the  
Mint since <sup>January</sup> July last - its ~~value~~, and also  
the <sup>whole</sup> number of pieces -  
The amount of silver & copper coinage may be also  
given if convenient

I am, Sir, yr mo. ob. S<sup>t</sup>

Wm Woodbury

Sec. Treasury

R. M. Patterson, Esquire,

Director of the Mint

Phila.



Treasury Department

Oct. 31st 1836

Sir,

I send you the enclosed, cut from a late number of the New York Commercial Advertiser, and beg leave to remark in reference to it, that from the increased demands for specie it is very desirable that this bullion should be coined with as great dispatch as practicable.

Very  
 Truly  
 Yours  
 S. M. Patterson

R M Patterson Esq

Mint

Phila



Rec: Dept. Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1876

Sir,

Your favor of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst has been recd. and I have submitted it to the President who <sup>under the late act</sup> has charge of the <sup>subject</sup> ~~subject~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~subject~~ <sup>of</sup> it ~~affairs~~. He thinks that under the construction given by the Attorney General to the act, and under the pressure on the Banks caused by the <sup>new</sup> deposit act, <sup>that</sup> so large a sum can now be spared to the mint as might, under other circumstances, be done. But until Congress meet and are able to change the law as to that point, he is anxious to keep you well supplied, & besides the 200,000 now on hand is willing <sup>that the</sup> to transfer as much more for that purpose as the two Banks where you propose to deposit it, can themselves now conveniently spare for that purpose, & of the public money they now have on hand.

In the present state of the money market it <sup>could not</sup> ~~cannot~~ be taken from <sup>the</sup> other Banks without much complaint & embarrassment. In that event, <sup>of the 2 banks parties with it</sup> the future transfers ordered from them for other purposes would to the extent <sup>transferred</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~balance~~ until the money was received & capable of being used. I shall write to both those banks to-day to learn how much they can spare now, upon receiving their replies, make the proper transfers.

Very  
Sincerely  
Yours

R. W. Patterson Esq.

Druck Mint

Phil<sup>a</sup>



Treasury Department  
November 4th 1836.

Sir,

Your letter of the 2nd inst is received -  
In relation to the second part of it, <sup>authorizing</sup> I direct that  
you <sup>to</sup> deposit in one of the Depository Banks of ~~Phila~~:  
to the Credit of the Treasurer of the Mint, the two  
hundred thousand dollars transferred to you for the  
purchase of bullion, by draft to 1522, on the <sup>Bank</sup> Manhattan  
on the 8th of August last.

I am, Sir, your obt

L<sup>th</sup>

R. M. Patterson Esq Secy of Treas  
Director Mint  
Phila;



Treasury Department  
Nov. 4th 1836

Sir,

I have this day authorized <sup>directly</sup> the  
Director of the Mint to deposit to your credit  
in one of the Deposit Banks of ~~Phila.~~ the sum  
of <sup>\$200,000</sup> ~~two~~ hundred thousand dollars, transferred  
to him by Draft No 1522, on the Manhattan  
Bank, in August last, for the purchase of bullion -  
to be disbursed by you on the warrant of the Director  
as directed by the Act of 1792 & as recommended by the <sup>United States</sup> Treasurer, of Phila.

William Findlay Esquire  
Treasurer Mint  
Phila.

Very  
Sincerely  
Your  
Obedt Servt



Treasury Department  
Nov. 4th 1836

Sir,

I have this day authorized <sup>directly</sup> the  
Director of the Mint to deposit to your credit  
in one of the Deposit Banks of ~~Phila.~~ the sum  
of <sup>\$200,000</sup> ~~two~~ hundred thousand dollars, transferred  
to him by Draft No 1522, on the Manhattan  
Bank, in August last, for the purchase of bullion -  
to be disbursed by you on the warrant of the Director  
as directed by the Act of 1792 & as recommended by the Treasurer, Agent.

William Findlay Esquire  
Treasurer Mint  
Phila.

Very  
Sincerely  
Your  
Agent



Treasury Department  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst with the two half dollars accompanying, struck with the new machinery.

I herewith enclose a check on the Girard Bank for \$5. being the amount.

I am Sir

very respectfully

Yours obed<sup>t</sup> Serv

Levi Woodbury  
Secretary of the Treasury

D. M. Patterson Esquire  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Treasury Department  
November 8<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir,

Will you please inform this Department if there has been  
any <sup>copper</sup> coined ~~the~~ year - and if so, what amount?

Yours  
L<sup>th</sup>

R M Patterson Esq  
Ment  
Phila

Very respectfully  
your obedient servant

Secretary of the Treasury

Chas. M. Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Dear Sir,

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir,

I enclose you the enclosed letter of the Post  
of the Bank of America, for your consideration &  
report upon the proposition ~~made~~ ~~offer~~ made them.

I am  
Yours  
L<sup>th</sup>

R M Patterson  
Mint  
Phila



Treasury Department  
Nov 23rd 1856.

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst. has been received -  
I am willing to transfer to the Mint from 3 to 5 hundred  
thousands dollars more to be deposited, if you think  
proper in the Bank of America or Grand Bank in  
order to procure metal for coinage on such terms as  
you may think most advantageous - But the ~~Bank~~  
~~to which the transfer shall be made~~ must be designated  
by you which is preferred, as the transfer must be made  
from that Bank, and the contract with the Bank must  
be made by you, & not by this Department - On hearing from  
you by return of mail the transfer will be directed to be  
made immediately.

Yours, &c.

W

Lucy in Henry

C M Patterson Esq.

Director Mint

Phila.



Treasury Department  
Decr 8<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sir,

As it is ~~necessary~~ <sup>desirable</sup> to make the nomination to the Senate early in the session, you will please recommend <sup>as soon as convenient</sup> a suitable person for the situation of Coiner for the N. Orleans Branch Mint -

I am &c

L. W. Sec<sup>y</sup> Treas<sup>y</sup>

Dr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

P.S. The following persons have been recommended as Coiners for the Branch Mints - T. J. Parker for the <sup>Georgia</sup> Branch James Webb of Balt<sup>o</sup> for either the Geo or N.C. Branch - and J. J. Barclay for the N Orleans Branch I wish to know if you are acquainted with their qualifications - and if not I wish you to inform me if you know of any persons qualified for



those situations - A reply to this  
communication by return of  
mail is requested -



26

Treasury Department  
Dec. 12. 1856

Sir,

Please inform this department as soon as practicable of the progress made in the erection of the buildings for the branch mint at New Orleans also, the time when you suppose they will be completed, & the amount already expended on them.

Very  
Lr

Martin Gordon Esquire,

New Orleans



Treasury Department  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Sir,

The enclosed application of Mr  
Edward Huberman for employment as an  
Engraver in the Mint is respectfully submitted  
to you.

I am

R. W. Patterson Esq  
Director Mint  
Philadelphia



26

Treasury Department  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 1867

Sir,

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. has been recd  
and a warrant for the amt asked for, viz.  
\$9,130, will be immediately remitted you -

~~In~~ the future, please transmit by  
the regular mail, & not by the express ~~mail~~ (which  
subjects the Department to an expense, in ordinary  
business, unnecessarily heavy) any communications  
which you have to make to this Department

Yours  
J. A. W.

Signature of Jewell  
Care Branchellist  
Columbus, Ga

Very  
Yours  
G. W. G.



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Treasury Department

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1837

Sir, I saw in the receipt of your letter of the  
6th inst. acknowledging the receipt of a warrant  
dated the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. payable to your order on the  
Union Bank of New Orleans for the sum of \$71,000.

For the future you will please transmit  
any communications which you may think proper to  
make to this Department by the regular, and not by the  
~~express~~ <sup>mail</sup> which subjects the Department to an  
expense unnecessarily heavy by every onerous regulation  
of the Post office not making such letters free.

Yours  
S<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup>

Charles Gordon Loring

Sup: Agent

New Orleans



27

Treasury Dept

January 19<sup>th</sup> 1837

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. I  
have to inform you that the new Mint <sup>Law</sup> has  
passed & reciev<sup>d</sup> the executive sanction of  
date the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. The Senate has confirmed the  
nomination of John A. Wheeler Esq as Supervisor  
of the Charlotte Mint, & this commission will  
probably be made out for him to-day. You  
will please suggest to the Dept the amt of  
security it should give - also the amt the same  
offices should give at the Georgia & New Orleans  
Mints.

Very  
Yours

R. M. Patterson  
Mint Phil.



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Treasury Department  
January 21st 1837.

Sir,

Your letter of the 13th inst was duly received  
and submitted to the President - who has sanctioned the  
rate of salaries therein proposed viz -

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| To the Dr Engraver           | \$1,500 per ann. |
| To the Assistant Assayer     | 1,300 do         |
| To the Treasurer & Clerk     | 1,200            |
| To the Clk of the assay room | 1,200            |
| To the Book Keeper           | 1,000            |

Agreeably to your request the date of your report  
was altered to the 19<sup>th</sup> inst - I send you <sup>by this mail</sup> ~~herewith~~, a  
copy of the new mint law -

Yours  
L

R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director Mint

Phil.



Mint

28

Treasury Department  
January 25th 1837.

Sir,

The Director of the Mint at Phila. suggests that  
you, as Superintendent and Acting Treasurer of the Branch  
Mint at Charlotte, N. Carolina, should become bonded  
to the United States, with one or more ~~sureties~~ sureties in the sum of  
\$10,000. and this Department approves of the ~~arrangement~~ arrangement.

Yours  
Lafayette

John A. Wheeler Esq  
Washington.



28

Private.

Treasury Department  
January 27. 1837.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your  
communication, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> and to thank you for the  
opportunity of perusing the notes by which —  
accompanied it.

I remain very Respy  
your Obedt Servt  
Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. M. Patterson -  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Private.

28  
Treasury Department  
January 27. 1837.

Sir,

Treasury Department

January 26th 1837

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated the 25th and to thank you for the opportunity of perusing the same. As the <sup>term</sup> of the present contract is drawing to a close, allow me to suggest to you the propriety of nominating to this Department as soon as practicable suitable persons for the vacancies in the Branch Mints in New Orleans, Georgia, & in California. No stations, except the superintendents have yet been filled.

A. M. Patterson Esq

Mint

Philad.



29

Treasury Department  
February 1st. 1837-

Sir,

The "System of Mint charges" drawn up by you  
and submitted in your favour of the 25th ultimo, has  
been examined and is approved by the Dept

Sanborn

Wm Patterson

Mint

Phila



29 99  
Treasury Department  
Feb. 2<sup>d</sup> 1857

Sir,

At the suggestion, in your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup>  
ult. the President has directed 3 Commissions to be appointed,  
a Commissioner to the Judge, District Atty of U.S. & Collector of the  
Port of Philadelphia, for the purposes mentioned in the 22<sup>d</sup> Sect of the new  
mint law, whose letters of appointment I herewith enclose to  
you, with a request that they may be transmitted to the respective  
appointees.

Y<sup>rs</sup>

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Mint  
Phila.



29

Treasury Department  
7<sup>th</sup> July 1837

Sir,

I beg leave to introduce  
to you Mr Haydon recently  
appointed by the President, Super-  
intendent of the Branch Office  
in Georgia. I hope it will be  
in your power to aid Mr H.  
in promoting the object of his  
visit to Philadelphia

I am very respectfully  
Yours  
Samuel Hays

Mr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Office



29

Recd: Sept

Feb 9th 1837

Sir

Your favor of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst transmitting your  
monthly statement of deposits of Gold for January has  
been received.

Allow me to express the hope that the  
unhappy delay in the coinage of gold, at the end of the year,  
may always be as brief as possible, & with as little  
inconvenience to depositors as circumstances will warrant.

I hope it will be  
in your power to assist  
in promoting the objects of his  
Philadelphia  
mint

Yours  
Chas

Dr Robt Patterson  
Director of the mint



Treasury Department.

February 10<sup>th</sup> 1837.

Sir,

<sup>pamphlet</sup>  
 The copy of the new Mint Law - & of the  
 other legal provisions thereto left a force -  
 transmitted with you for one of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 has been received, for which be pleased  
 to accept due acknowledgments

Believe

Sir

C. M. Patterson Esq  
 Mint  
 Phila



30

Treasury Department  
Feb 2 1857

Sir,

I herewith enclose for your perusal, recommendations in favor of Dr William P. Host, for the Office of Assayer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

I am, Very Respectfully,  
Your Obed Servt

Samuel Woodhouse  
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

Dr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



311

Treasury Department  
17 Feb'y 1837

Sir,

I herewith transmit to  
you a copy of the Supplement  
to the Act of Congress establishing  
Branch mints, passed 13<sup>th</sup> inst

I am very Resp<sup>tly</sup>  
Your obt<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Wm. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia  
Secy of the Treasry

Dr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Recd. Sept. Feb 25 1827

Sir,

I have furnished me, at your earliest convenience  
with the letter asked for in the enclosed letter of the  
Hon. Jos. Hull.

Yours  
L. M. Patterson

R. M. Patterson Esq

Philad

Dr. Philad. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



31

Treasury Department  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1837

Sir,

I herewith enclose for your perusal & consideration a recommendation in favor of Col. Wm. M. Barrum for the Office of Smelter in the B. Mint at Dahlonega.

I am, very respectfully,  
Your Old Servt

Genl Woodluney  
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. Robert M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

P.S. It is very desirable, that you should inform the department immediately <sup>if practicable</sup> with respect to the appointments yet to be made for the Branch Mints, as they must be made before the adjournment of the Senate.



31

Treasury Department  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1837

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. enclosing the recommendations and nominations for Officers of the Branch Mints. Be pleased to accept my thanks for the same.

I am, Very respectfully,  
Your Obedt Servt

Wm Woodbury  
Secretary of the Treas

Lt. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

It is very important that you should inform the Department immediately with respect to the appointments yet to be made for the Branch Mints, as they must be made before the adjournment of the Senate.



Uca: Department  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 1837

Sir.

The following gentlemen have been appointed  
by the President & Senate officers of the Branch Mint -  
You will please give them notice of their appointment - but  
~~with the exception of~~  
with the exception of the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint  
will not be commenced at present, or until their  
shall be needed as such  
services shall be required at the Mint.

David Bradford Superintendent of Branch Mint at New R.

William P. Hart. assayer at New Orleans

James D. Rogers Melter & Refiner see -

Rufus Tyler, Comin see see

J. H. Gibbon Assayer at Charlotte N.C.

John R. Bolton, Comin see see

David Bradford Superintendent of the Mint at New  
Orleans. John W. Farnum assayer at Dahlonega, Ga

David H. Mason Comin at Dahlonega -

R. M. Patterson

Phile.

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T S

10 March. 1837.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant I have to say, that the State Department has been requested to make out immediately the Commission for the appointments, under the recent act to regulate the Mint - In relation to the residence of David Bradford <sup>Esq</sup> he will be found at St Francisville, Louisiana; and I have no doubt, that till he accepts and removes to Orleans, Mr Gordon, will be happy to execute all <sup>your</sup> ~~this~~ wishes there.

A Treasurer, was nominated yesterday - and has been confirmed - His name is Edmund Forstall of N. Orleans

Yours &c. L.W.

Sec Tre

As Mr Patterson  
Superintendent  
Mint.  
Phil<sup>a</sup>



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L

J. B.

Genl. M. Postlewaite Esq.  
Director of the Mint Phila

16 March. 1857.

Sir.

I will thank you to transmit the address, if  
known to you, of Lemuel B. Rogers and Rufus Tyler,  
who have been commissioned as officers of the Branch Mint,  
to this Department at your earliest convenience

I am.

L<sup>y</sup>

J. B.



32

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J. D.

March. 19. 1899.

Sir.

I beg leave to call your earliest attention to the  
Contents of the enclosed letter, from Joseph W. Farnum Esq  
appointed Assayer of the Branch Mint Dulosega: -  
and that you will convey to him the information  
on the points, ~~alluded to by~~ ~~him~~ ~~presented~~ involved  
in her inquiries.

I — —

Quid M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint  
Chile



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JW

J L  
March. 23. 1837

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. I have to remark  
 that I do not discover from the generality of your  
 expressions, that the interposition of the Department is sought  
 on any particular point. If it was your intention to  
 invite my attention to the terms of the contract with  
 Mr Towns, providing upon certain contingencies for the al-  
 lowance of additional time for the completion of the  
 building viz: two months - I have to inform you that if  
 the ~~contingencies~~ <sup>contingencies</sup> succeeded against Mr Town here,  
 arise and you see no objection, the Depart-  
 is willing to allow the two months as  
 stipulation

Signature of J. W. E.  
 Comm<sup>r</sup> for creating Br Mint  
 Columbus Georgia



J L

April 5. 1857.

Sir.

The Secretary of State in a letter of the 4th instant, has informed this department, that James B Rogers of Cincinnati lately commissioned as Major & Quartermaster of the Branch Mount at St Orleans, declines accepting the office, by letter under date of the 27th inst. I have therefore to request that you will nominate some other suitable person to fill the vacancy at your earliest convenience.

L m

D M Patterson

Secretary of State  
Phil



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J. B.

April 7. 1857

10

Your letter of the 5. containing a statement of the amount of Dollars deposited and the amount of coinage since the last report is duly ~~received~~ <sup>received</sup>.

In reply I have to ~~report~~ <sup>state</sup> that you will find the letter <sup>the</sup> Department know. which progress has been, ~~made~~ <sup>made</sup>, and is likely to be soon, ~~made~~ with the million deposited to procure metal for coining. — The Department wishes the utmost efforts made, which are reasonable to increase the <sup>gold</sup> coinage and especially of quarter Eagles.

A. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Wash.



34

Treasury Department  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Sir,

Your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> is received, and in reply to a suggestion ~~contained~~  
~~therein~~ in relation to the abstraction of a portion of the French Ransom  
gold from the Bank of America. I have to inform you, that, I have in-  
-vited the ~~attention~~ of the Bank to it.

I am very respectfully  
Yours M. L.

Secretary of the Treasury.

To Mr Postmaster Genl  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



34

J. S.

April 15. 1837

To

Therewith inclose a letter of John Rheinboldt and request  
you will examine & report on the matter contained therein  
to the Dept at your earliest convenience.

Yours etc.

J. S.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint  
Phila



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Treasury Department

April 18. 1837.

Sir,

The arrangement of the checks at the ~~Bank~~ Mint ~~at all~~ proposed, & in your favor, of the 15th instant, has been submitted to the President - In reply - I have to inform you, that it has received his approbation -

I am Sir Very respectfully  
Yours etc etc

Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert M. Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Philas



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Treasury Department

April 19. 1857.

Sir.

In reply to your letter ~~showing~~ <sup>applying in</sup> application for the office of Chief Coiner <sup>of</sup> the Mint. I have to inform you, that, the office of Coiner is not vacant; my  
but your application will be placed ~~and be placed~~ on file in the Department, ~~that~~

I am very respectfully  
Yours At Serv

John Rheinier Esq  
Phila.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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J. B.

April 24. 1837

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst  
wherein you state, you have received the last remittance of gold  
for the fifth instalment of the French Indemnity, and again calling  
the attention of the Department to the arrangement made for the  
purchase of bullion - In reply. I need remark, as you have the funds  
to purchase metal for coinage, I hope, if Mr Newbold has met ere  
his written you, (as I understand he is one of the agents employed  
by the mint) that you will address him anew - But as this  
gold is to be recoined at all events, I do not perceive any  
special benefit to be derived from purchasing it for that  
purpose -

Believe me  
Dear Sir  
Yours  
Wm. B. Allen



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Treasury Department  
April 22. 1837.

Sir,

By the Act of Congress of 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1792 the weight of the silver dollar was fixed at 371 7/8 of pure silver and the balance of alloy and by the Act of the 18<sup>th</sup> of January last the weight of the dollar was reduced to 258 grains one tenth of which is alloy.

I will thank you to inform me whether this change was adopted in consequence of any representation made by you - and to state the grounds upon which it was recommended and the reasons assigned for the whole weight of the dollar.

I remain very Respy  
your Obedt. Servt.

Samuel B. May  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>



Mint Rec

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J L

21 April 1837

SW.

I have to state, in reply to your <sup>letter</sup> of the 19th inst., where  
you speak of not hearing anything from Dr W P Thos.  
that I have made enquiry at the State Exports and  
can learn nothing of him. I would suggest the propriety  
of your again addressing him - on the subject of  
his appointment - at your earliest convenience. —

I am  
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Q M Posthum Esq.

Quater Clerk  
Mills



Mint Rec

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J. D.  
April 25. 1837.

Sir.

I beg leave to call your attention to the enclosed <sup>copy of a</sup> letter  
received this day, from the Commissioner of the Beaufort  
North - Charlotte, N. Carolina.

Respectfully  
Yours  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



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Dearest Friend  
May 1. 1837

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your  
communication dated the 15<sup>th</sup> instant. In a few days I  
will write more fully - as Mr. Newbold is here -

Yours very truly

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Secy. of the Am. A. Socy

22 N. 2<sup>d</sup> St. N. York

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Unit

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Treasury Department  
May 12. 1837.

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive <sup>copy</sup> a communication from  
the President of the U. States - and you will please keep safe,  
at the mint the public money received, or coined out  
of the bullion on hand, as it may be found necessary to  
make use of it to meet the current expenditures of the  
Government.

I will thank you to inform me how  
much specie or bullion of the U. States you have now on  
hand, and at what periods you expect to receive more and  
how much.

I remain very Resp<sup>ly</sup>.

Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury

Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson.

Director of the Mint.



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Treasury Department  
May 13<sup>th</sup> 1837

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> and am highly gratified to learn  
the creditable conduct of the two Banks  
mentioned with regard to the mint  
deposits therein. I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Secretary of the Mint  
Philadelphia



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Treasury Department  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 1837.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. and the enclosure and am pleased to learn the very honorable course pursued by the Banks in relation to the deposit referred to.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Serv.

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.

P.S. Your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> has just been received. Mr. Newbold is expected here to day and in a day or two I will write to you fully on the subject of the indemnity Gold.



38 Treasury Department  
May 15. 1839.

Sir

Having conversed with Mr. Newbold on the subject of your communication of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant I would in reply offer a few remarks -

1. Mr. W. assures me, and I have full confidence in the assurance, that every engagement of the Bank of America with you will be promptly and faithfully fulfilled on his part -

2. He states that the Bank is now making arrangements, which he thinks will soon be completed to pay <sup>satisfactorily to</sup> off the claimants under the French indemnity such portion of the 5<sup>th</sup> instalment as they have not already received - The gold deposited with the Mint is considered as a trust fund for that purpose - and if it, or its equivalent be so applied by the Bank, it would be as good as well as inequitable if not illegal to withhold it on any other account - I understand from Mr. W., that he will let it remain until the interest is expected.



3<sup>rd</sup> - of the public deposit on hand in specie, which  
you have been requested to retain to meet urgent  
public expenditures. It is not material, that the  
identical coins on hand be kept, if interfering with  
the operations of the Mint or the convenience of the  
community, but only <sup>an amount & in such kind of</sup> such specie as ~~is~~ a legal tender.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



38

Treasury Department  
May 20. 1837.

Sir

In order, that if practicable, a supply of small  
coin may be put in circulation equal to the wants of the community  
I will thank you to proceed at the Mint to coin silver of denomination  
less than 50 cents unless when otherwise requested by Depositors - or unless  
in your opinion there be some good reason to the contrary - which you  
will please state to the Department.

I remain very Respy  
Yours A. A. S. S.

Sam<sup>l</sup> McKim  
Sec. of the Treasury.

The Directors of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



39

Treasury Department  
May 22. 1837.

Sir

Your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant has been received and referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia for his examination and report, and any communication upon the same subject by you had better be addressed directly to D. Patterson.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt Servt  
Samuel B. May  
Sec. of the Treasury.

John H. Wheeler Esq.

Sup. of Mint - Charlotte

N.C.



39

Treasury Department  
May 23. 1837.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo  
relative to the form of keeping the accounts of the mint for  
copper coinage was duly received and referred to the Comptroller  
of the Treasury for his examination and report.

I transmit herewith a copy of the Comptroller's report for  
your examination as copies of the forms of entries recommended  
by him.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt Servt

Samuel Woodley  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>



39 Treasury Department  
May 27. 1837.

Sir

Your communication dated the 17<sup>th</sup> inst  
has been received. As you are of opinion that Mr. Towns  
made all reasonable exertions to complete his contract within  
the given time he may be allowed to go on and complete it: <sup>provided</sup>  
he will continue his exertions and make use of all the means in  
his power to have <sup>the building</sup> it finished in the shortest time practicable -  
and provided, also, that the rights and interests of the Government  
shall not be jeopardized in any way in consequence of this  
indulgence.

I remain very Respy  
Yours A. A. S. S. S.  
Saml Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury.

Signature A. F. W. Esq  
Columbus  
Ga  
of the Mint



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Treasury Department  
May 29. 1857.

Sir

Your communication dated the 16<sup>th</sup> instant  
was referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia for  
his examination as usual.

I now enclose a copy of the  
reply received this morning from Dr. Patterson.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Wm. D. Lewis

~~Respy~~  
Sec. of the Treasury

Wm. D. Lewis Esq.

Dep. of the Mint

Charlotte, N.C.



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Treasury Department  
June 1. 1837

Sir

Your communication dated the 17<sup>th</sup> ult. addressed to the Treasurer of the United States was referred to this Department.

It is not expected that any risk or expense is to be incurred by the Treasurer of the Mint in transferring any money drawn from the Mint on any transfer draft drawn by the Treasurer of the United States in favor of himself or any other person - or on any draft drawn on it for the payment of money to individuals. All that he will be required to do will be to pay over the money to the Agent or person authorized to receive it and to take his receipt ~~for~~ on the transfer draft or check as his voucher for the payment.

In case a transfer draft in favor of the Treasurer be sent to you by mail and no person be designated to receive the money, you may, when specially directed by him or this Department, forward it at the risk and expense of the Department, by the first safe public officer coming to this City, who is willing to take charge of it and deliver it to the Treasurer.

Otherwise let it remain; still such special directions as may be  
specially ~~applied~~ with. -



I will thank you to furnish the Treasurer with a weekly  
statement of the amount of public money on deposit at the Mint  
which ~~may~~ be drawn for without subjecting it to any incumbrance -  
in order that he may be able to ~~pay~~ form it such sums as the public  
necessities may require, from time to time, during the present difficulties -

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Saml. Wardlaw  
Secy. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
June 7. 1837.

Permit me to say, sir,

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant and, in reply to inform you that it is not expected by the Department, that it will be necessary to request the amount of money in the Mint belonging to the Government, <sup>very</sup> materially, before <sup>near</sup> the time of the meeting of Congress. At that time there will, probably, be required about \$2,500,000 - Two to three hundred thousand dollars - in Gold and silver coin of small denomination if it can be conveniently furnished but principally in Gold. For this Sir you shall be duly advised, however, of the precise amount which will be required.

I remain, very Respy.  
Yours Altd. Servt

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>.

Received of the Treasury  
June 10 1837



41

Treasury Department  
June 29 1837

Sir,

Your communication of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst  
upon the subject of the salaries to be paid to  
the officers &c of the Branch Mints was referred  
to the Comptroller of the Treasury for his  
examination &c

I now enclose a copy of the  
report received from that officer by which  
you will please be governed

I remain very Resp<sup>t</sup>  
Your O<sup>b</sup>t Servant  
L. W.

Secretary of the Treasury

Dr. R M Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>



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Treasury Department  
July 3. 1877.

Sir,

I enclose by your recommendation a letter addressed to me by the Treasurer the assignee for the United States at Valencia. From the facts stated by Mr. Treasurer it would seem that he was then entitled, for his salary, to be allowed what from the day he began to do the work of an officer. This is a matter known by the decision of the accounting officers of the department. All the most explicit fault is placed in the statement made by Mr. T. it would be well to have it substantiated by you and accompanied by a statement of Mr. T. account from the day referred to and it is believed that under the peculiar circumstances of the case the account will then be allowed. The statement of Mr. T. account received this morning will, therefore be delayed.

The specimen of coin transmitted by you are considered very beautiful. One one dollar has been deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in the Bank of the Metropolis as a payment made by the Treasurer of the Mint for which that officer will receive a credit in his next account.

S. R. M. Palmer  
Inspector of the Mint  
Miner?

I remain very Respy  
Yours Dear Sir  
Geo. W. Smith  
Sec. of the Treasury



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Treasury Department  
July 5. 1837.

Sir,

The enclosed communication received from the Commissioner of the Branch Mint at Gallegos and the paper, which accompanied it, are transmitted for your examination.

As it appears that the extra work was done under your direction, I will thank you to state whether, in your opinion, the allowance made by the revenue is a reasonable one.

I will thank you, also, for your views as to the enclosed he proposes - and as to the compensation and allowance, <sup>due</sup> to be made to him as Commissioner.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Althl. Servt

Saml Woodling  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Philad.



42

Treasury Department  
July 6. 1897.

Sir

\$80,000 to \$100,000 will be required by the Government in a few days for the use of the squadron in the Mediterranean to meet bills of exchange drawn abroad on England. Drafts will be issued on the Treasurer of the Mint for the precise sums required as soon as they shall be ascertained, and I will thank you, as may be most convenient, to pay the drafts, either at New York or at the Mint, and in any kind of specie you please.

It is not anticipated that any considerable amount in addition will be required from the Mint until about the time of the meeting of Congress, but it would be well, perhaps, should you be coming on here, or meet with any person coming on in whom you have confidence, if you would send, from time to time, such sums in American Gold, as can be conveniently transported, to be deposited here.

The Department will pay any necessary expense attending such transportation and drafts will be issued on the Treasurer of the Mint for the sums <sup>when</sup> received here before the sums are transmitted, should it be preferred, if he will indicate the sums to be sent. All which may be wanted here in Sept. & Oct. will probably amount to from \$100,000. to \$200,000.

G. W. Patterson

Director of the Mint

*Philad<sup>a</sup>  
P. S. H. Miller. But's drafts can be paid in New York I wish it done.*

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

*Sam<sup>l</sup> Van Dusen  
Secy of the Treasury.*



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Mint Record  
~~[REDACTED]~~

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

7<sup>th</sup> July 1837.

Sir:

The President of the United States having appointed as Acting Treasurer *U. S. States* *Wm B. Randolph* to discharge, temporarily, the duties appertaining to that office, I herewith transmit to you the signature of the person so appointed.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Levi Woodbury*

Secretary of the Treasury.

Signature of the Acting Treasurer

*Wm B. Randolph*

*W. M. Patterson Esq*

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

P.S. If convenient it is requested that the amt. for \$25,000 on the Mint in favour of *Asa Fitch Jr* may be paid at New York



P. S. The dollar  
will take back from  
the Bank I pay you  
when one meet  
200.

have back large receipt of our commun-  
cation dated 6<sup>th</sup> inst and remark in reply that drafts  
will probably be soon issued on the Treasurer of the Mint  
for the whole amount of \$60000 which is now on deposit  
in N. York and which it will be very convenient for the  
public creditors to receive here.

In my letter I stated as early as practicable the whole  
of the deposit in the Mint which would probably be  
req<sup>d</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> of October next and it will be prudent by  
N<sup>o</sup> to call in a thousand prepare to meet that amount  
and \$50000 more for contingencies.

after the meeting of Congress I can decide how  
much for it will probably be necessary to advance the amount  
of the Mint deposit during the rest of the year.

J. R. Patterson  
Director of Treasury  
Philada.

Very truly  
yours  
Wm. B. G. G.



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Treasury Department  
July 10<sup>th</sup> 1829

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., enclosing a certificate of the Girard Bank for \$50 received by you from that Bank after your check, and suggesting, that the course taken by the Bank will not fail to meet with prompt and decided action on the part of this department.

Upon the facts communicated by you, I am <sup>not</sup> satisfied as to the <sup>proper</sup> character of the action adopted by the department. If the Girard Bank does not pay you over the funds deposited by you on public account in the kind of money deposited, an equivalent <sup>must</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>made</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>kind</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>money</sup> <sup>deposited</sup>, a formal demand should be made, of which evidence should be transmitted in case payment is not made. The proper and legal steps <sup>can</sup> <sup>then</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>taken</sup> <sup>on</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>subject</sup> <sup>without</sup> <sup>delay</sup>. You will be pleased to transmit with the evidence of demand and refusal a statement of the amount of your deposits which the Bank declines.



declines paying over in a proper and acceptable  
manner. The certificate of \$10 is herewith returned

Dear Sir,

Very respectfully  
Yours that ever

Secretary of the Treasury

R M Patterson Esq  
Secretary of the Mint  
Philadelphia



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Treasury Department  
July 10. 1837.

Sir,

Your several communications of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst have been received. It is understood here that the Bank of America has paid all the holders of the certificates under the French indemnity in Gold, <sup>when requested</sup> both before and since the suspension of specie payments. Some complaints it is true were made to the Department in May last on the subject, but it is believed that they have all been removed. The gold may, therefore, be given up to the Bank except the amount, which may be due on account of the mint deposits with the Bank, which it will be necessary so to arrange, if possible <sup>in this or some other way</sup> as to be able to command the specie when it may be required. I do not at present see what advantage is to be derived from the purchase of Gold at a premium merely for coinage. I should be glad to have your views more at large on that subject - and in the mean time I will take it into consideration and consult the President who is at present in the City.

I remain Dear Sir,



the communication from M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Comb. referred to in  
my letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> and which was inadvertently omitted  
to be enclosed.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



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Account of Deposits  
July 18. 1837

Sir

Your communication of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst has been received. The delay in the transmission of the draft reported by you for the payment of the officers of the Branch Mont has been caused by its being necessary to settle a separate account in favor of each of these officers. Mr. Tamm's account has been allowed him 22 March last. As there is some difference between the amount of your requisition and the amount of the account, I give you the sum found due to each officer by the statement of the Auditor - viz.

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Mr. Tamm  | \$ 112.50         |
| " Scott   | 88.13             |
| " Tyler   | 550.              |
| " Maxwell | 412.09            |
| " Mason   | 411.66            |
| " Gilman  | 411.66            |
|           | <u>\$ 1814.09</u> |

The draft for this amount will be transmitted by



the Treasurer this day - and one for \$21.000 as soon as it  
can be procured the necessary forms.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Sam Woodbury

Secy of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Phila.



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Treasury Department  
July 24. 1837.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 21<sup>st</sup> ult. and the accompanying papers were duly received and referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia for his examination as to the extra charges allowed by the expense. It appears from the report made by J. Patterson that the stone cornice was substituted for the brick one provided for by the Contract, at the instance and for the convenience of the Contractor themselves, and it is believed that the cornice of rough stone slabs as suggested, could have been erected at as little cost, not less, than that laid down in the plan of the building, and J. Patterson states that in consenting to accommodate the Contractor, and suggesting a method of removing a difficulty brought forward by themselves, he had "not the least intention of interfering with the Contract, in which the method proposed was easier than" that with bricks, it was also believed to be at least as inexpensive. There does not appear to be any objection to the account presented with the exception of that item \$415.77. -

With respect to the compensation to be allowed for your services in superintending the construction of the building - on reference to the letter from this Department of 12 May 1835 appointing you Commissioner, you will find that it was expressly stated that your compensation would be a commission not exceeding 2% on the amount of your disbursements. The Department therefore can make no allowance beyond the original arrangement without the sanction of Congress.

I remain very Respectfully

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

S. M. Smith Esq. Commr.  
Mint - Charlotte  
N.C.



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Treasury Department  
July 25. 1837.

Sir

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> has been received - You will learn from my communication dated yesterday, the cause of the delay in replying to yours of the 22<sup>th</sup> ulto.

The whole amount received by you appears by the Books of the Department to be \$24,100 - instead of \$22,500 as stated by you - making, with the amount drawn by Dr. Patterson \$14,500 - the aggregate of \$38,600 - and leaving an unexpended bal of the appropriation of \$10,400. Eleven thousand four hundred dollars.

A warrant for \$10,000 - will be sent to you by the next mail - and you will be pleased as soon after its receipt as may be convenient, to send on a full statement of your account for settlement - and the balance found due will be promptly remitted to you.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. Serv<sup>t</sup>

S. McComb Esq  
Commr. Pr. Mint.

Saml. Townsend  
Sec. of the Treasry.



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Treasury Department  
July 28. 1877.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your  
communication of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst and to thank you for  
the very beautiful specimens of half dimes, which accompanied.  
for which I will settle when we meet. I remain very Resptlly  
Your Most. Obedt. Servt.

Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
August 8. 1857.

Sir

Your communication dated the 4<sup>th</sup> instant  
and the accompanying paper have come to hand.

We now acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult.  
and not of the one of the 21<sup>st</sup>. I send enclosed a copy of the  
latter but the original should have miscarried.

From that letter you will perceive that the item of <sup>100</sup> ~~100~~  
dollar expense, charged in the Contract bill for extra, cannot  
be allowed and that your communication for superintending  
the erection of the building cannot exceed 2 1/2 per cent on  
your disbursements as expressed in the letter from the Department  
appointing you the Commissioner.

The accounts accompanying  
yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> are herewith returned for correction.

The Department is willing to allow you the same <sup>rate of</sup> Commission for super-  
intending the erection as for superintending the building.

Yours truly, Geo. Corbitt Esq.

Charlotte.  
N.C.

Very Resp. Servant Wm. H. S.

Saml Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury.



Treasury Depart  
August 14. 1837.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, in relation to your claim for services rendered as Commissioner of the Branch Mint at <sup>Charlotte</sup> ~~Lefferts~~ I have to inform you that the Department <sup>does not concur</sup> ~~disputes with you~~ in the view you have taken as to any allowance beyond the two per cent commission upon the actual disbursements. The Commission always in these cases covers all services. However, if you should deem fit to apply to Congress the Department will be happy to furnish any explanatory facts & papers into possession.

I am Sir

L W

Sam<sup>l</sup> W Combs Esq

Comm - Br Mint Charlotte

P. S. That portion of your letter which relates to the allowance by the Referees for the stone cornice has been referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia for his further examination and Report.



14<sup>th</sup> Aug 1837

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to the following extract of a letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> inst from the Commission of Br Monk at Charlott relating to the charge for the carriage of stone, substituted ~~for~~<sup>for</sup> ~~one~~ in brick, as contemplated by the Contract. I wish thank you for your further advice on the subject.

" I find from your letter that the stone of the cornice in Contractors' acct.  
 " is objected to in your letter; it is put down for \$999. On examining  
 " the award, I find the claim for Cornice to be \$1177, whereas  
 " agreed to refer the account of the contractors to the referees, &  
 " stated to them the facts as given by Dr Patterson Director of the  
 " Works, and which is as stated in your letter to me, but not  
 " withstanding, the referees gave their award as forwarded to  
 " you. I don't think the cornice could have been made to  
 " stand with bricks; and to have got out rough stone all  
 " three feet in length, would have cost the same as claimed  
 " by the Contractors - You will please direct whether I pay the  
 " Contractors this item of account or not. I do really think  
 " it is a fair charge, and not so much for their benefit,



"as for the benefit of the Edific - I think if Dr Patterson was  
"to see the work, he would be fully satisfied, the  
"work was necessary to give strength to the walls  
"and could not have been done in any other  
"way to have answered and to have looked well  
"This work adds much to the benefit & appearance  
"of the Edifice in my opinion & in the opinion of all  
"that has seen the Edifice & who have given their opinion  
"on the matter" —

Yours  
LW

Dr Patterson

I trust that  
Philw



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Secretary of the Treasury  
August 22, 1857.

Sir

I have received your communication dated the 18th inst. The request is a want of light chimneys in the roof of the Branch Mint at Washington is much to be regretted and should you deem it necessary after consulting with the architect, to send a person to make an examination of the building as suggested. You are authorized to send Mr. Baker - Thomas or some other person to authorize the substitution of lighter wood and materials by the upper part of the building as suggested by Mr. Hughes. There is no intention of failure by the contractor.

With this you request the Treasurer of the Mint to transmit his account of the Public Money, to the Treasurer U.S. once a month. These payments to be as frequently made by him, as being it always with reference to business. He is charged on the books of the Department with the amount of the same and will credit his payments only on auditing his accounts. He is also transmitting the drafts paid, as vouchers. The drafts should be regularly kept returned.

D. P. M. M. M.

Direct to the Mint  
Please:

I remain very Respy  
your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. A. R. M.  
Secy of the Treasury



Treasury Department  
Aug. 17, 1837

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> and am happy to inform you that it will, probably, be necessary to transmit less from the Mint to this place, in September & October next, than was anticipated when I formerly wrote on the subject.

Some More may be required at N. York in those months for which silver will answer. If you shall be able to remit here, as you and our agent offer, about \$200,000 in American gold, between this and the middle of September, it will, probably, answer our purposes, with what we now have.

I regret as much as you can the necessity to reduce the amount of deposits in the Mint but see no means of avoiding it, to the extent proposed without greatly injuring the public service; as you will see more fully when my report shall be submitted to Congress.

If you write to Mr. Newbold, I think he will, without difficulty, arrange the matter, as to gold instead of silver, and if you urge the Girard Bank, to make up some of its means, probably, the whole case will be got thro' with easily & satisfactorily.

I do not think that all we shall need both



here and at N. York, this Autumn in addition to what  
we have had, will exceed \$150.000 - if it does \$120.000

I remain very Respy  
Yrs Albed. Serv.

Samuel B. Loring  
Sec. of the Treasury

W. M. Patterson &  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



37

Treasury Department  
August 28. 1837.

Sir

Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> has been received, and the  
Treasurer<sup>Genl</sup> has been requested to issue his draft on the Treasurer  
of the Mint for \$50,000 - and to advise you accordingly.

I remain very Respy  
Very Respy. Yours &c. &c.

Samuel B. May  
Sec. of the Treas.

N. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



7

Treasury Department

September 1. 1837

Sir,

Yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. has been received. It is hoped, that the Department will be able to avoid to hereafter, the difficulties and responsibilities to which you refer. But in the present novel & embarrassed state of affairs many inconveniences must necessarily be submitted to by most public officers -

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Saml Wadsworth

Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.

P.S. I see, that one of the City papers (Am. H. Gazette -) says



I am not aware, that the government has shipped a dollar or caused  
a dollar to be shipped on its <sup>"directly from the mint" on account</sup> account. The drafts for  
the Mex. Letters - Mex. bonds for and other payments  
or advances to them under contracts - & if they ship the specie  
it is an affair of their own - it being their property and  
if done - done at their risk - should not the statement  
be corrected? -

L. W.



57

Treasury Department  
4th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1837.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. addressed to the Treasurer, I have to acquaint you that, the warrant on your requisition, issued for \$1000 less than the amount required, in consequence of the Balance of the appropriation for the Branch Mint at Dahlonega being only \$1000 instead of \$2000 the amount requested. A Statement of the appropriations for apparatus &c not included in the contracts for the Branches of the U.S. Mint is subjoined

I am, respectfully, Sir  
your obed<sup>t</sup>. serv<sup>t</sup>

Robert M. Patterson <sup>Esq</sup>  
Director, U.S. Mint,  
Phil<sup>a</sup>, }

Secretary of the Treasury

|                                 |  |                     |                        |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| New Orleans appropriated 15,500 |  | 1837                |                        |
|                                 |  | 1 May               | R M Patterson, 10,000. |
|                                 |  | 28 Aug <sup>t</sup> | idem 3,000.            |
|                                 |  |                     | Balance 2,500          |
| Balance 2,500.                  |  |                     |                        |
| Charlotte North Carolina 6,000  |  | 1837                |                        |
|                                 |  | 8 March             | P. A. Wholer 2000      |
|                                 |  | 1 May               | R M Patterson, 3000    |
|                                 |  | 28 Aug <sup>t</sup> | idem 1000              |
| Dahlonega Georgia 7000.         |  | 1837                |                        |
|                                 |  | 8 March             | J. G. Singleton 2000.  |
|                                 |  | 1 May               | R M Patterson 3000.    |
|                                 |  | 28 August           | idem 1000.             |



52

Try Sep.<sup>r</sup>  
9 Sept 1837

Sir, The Treasurer will remit to you a check  
for five hundred dollars on account of wastage  
of gold, and for the contingent expenses of the Mint,

As to the other items in your requisition - the  
first, "For expenses of the Branch Mint at Charlotte"  
Congress have made no appropriation, for the second,  
"Apparatus, tools & fixtures not included in the contract," the  
balance of \$1000 was remitted to the Director of  
the Mint Phil<sup>r</sup>, in compliance with his request  
of the 23<sup>d</sup> August last

Am & C

John H. Wheeler Esq  
Supt<sup>r</sup> of the Branch Mint  
at Charlotte N: C.

Secy Try



Treasurer Department  
 Dec. 11. 1837.

Sir

Your communication of the 8<sup>th</sup> has been received. No difficulty, it is believed, will be experienced on account of the public's debt with the Mint. The object of the Treasurer in the letter referred to, was, probably, to ascertain how much more in specie the Mint would be able to pay in his debt during the months of September and October. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to draw largely on the Mint beyond the amount already estimated - but should it become desirable to do so, will thank you to state how much more could be paid in these two months.

Yours very Respy  
 John A. B. Smith

Sec. of the Treasury

J. A. B. Smith

Sec. of the War  
 United States



53

My Dearest  
Apr. 22. 1777.

Sir

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> was duly received and  
the enclosed which accompanied it has been transmitted  
to Mr. W. D. Cunn in compliance with your request.

Before any further remittance can be made to you it will  
perhaps be that you should forward your account, together  
with the sums already received and disbursed by you.

I remain very respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
J. M. C. Esq.  
Sec. of the Diry.

J. M. C. Esq.

Commr. Art. Mint

Charlotte

N. C.



53

Treasury Department  
Sept. 19. 1837.

Sir

I enclose for your examination a  
memorial from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint  
at Dahlonega which has been referred to this Department  
and I will thank you to state whether in your opinion the  
additions asked for by Mr. Singleton are reasonable & proper.

I remain very Respy  
your Obedt. Servt

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



53

Treasury Department  
Sept. 22. 1887.

Sir

Enclose by your examination a letter  
from Baron de Humboldt which has been submitted  
to me, and will thank you to furnish me with  
a statement in reply to the enquiries it contains, as  
accurate as the information in your possession will  
enable you to do in order that I may communicate  
it to Dr. Lieber.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt Servt

Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

G. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



54

Treasury Department  
Sept. 22. 1857.

Sir

Your communication of the 9<sup>th</sup> was duly received  
and referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia  
and I transmit herewith a copy of a letter received this  
morning from J. Patterson.

I remain very respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
~~Wm. A. R.~~  
Sec. of the Treasury

Ignatius A. Jewell  
Commr. U.S. Mint  
Savannah  
Ga



54

Treasury Department  
Sept. 23. 1837

Sir

Your communication dated the 4<sup>th</sup> inst  
addressed to the Delegation from the State of Georgia in  
the Congress of the United States, was referred to this Department  
and transmitted to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia  
for his examination &c

I enclose herewith a copy  
of a communication received this morning from D. Patterson  
on the subject.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Servt

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasry.

M. J. Singleton  
Sub. of Mr. Mint at  
Savannah  
Ga.



54

Treasury Department

23<sup>d</sup> September 1837

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, requesting a remittance of \$500. on account of compensation of laborers of the Mint, I have to inform you that a draft for that amount will be forwarded to you by the Treasurer.

In your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant you requested \$500. for expenses of the Branch of the Mint at Charlotte, omitting to state the particular object of expense, viz "Compensation of Laborers" and as all the appropriations for the Branch are specific, it was impracticable to comply with your request, not being informed which item of appropriation was intended to be drawn upon. The copy of that part of your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant quoting the appropriation does not correspond with the original on file in the Department.

I am very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Wadsworth

Secretary of the Treasury

John A. Wheeler Esq

Supt<sup>r</sup> & Co

Branch Mint Charlotte

W.C.



53

Treasury Department  
Decr. 27. 1837.

Sir

Your communication dated the 23<sup>d</sup> was received this morning and in reply I have to state, that in the remarks relative to I had referred to the Deposits made by the Treasurer of the Mint with the Banks on account of bullion as well as on other accounts.

The Girard Bank, for instance returns on deposit by  
Hon. Finlay Jr. of the Mint on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August last  
as follows — As Treasurer of Mint — \$ 45,556.89

On Bullion account 393,329.60

..Silver Coins - Surplus Account 177,222.21

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altd. Servt

Saml. M. McKim

Sec. of the Treas.

D. W. Patterson

Asst. of Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



55

Treasury Department  
September 28. 1837.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 26<sup>th</sup>. I would suggest that you should postpone in a few days any further action on the matter to which it relates. Congress will probably pass some provision on the subject of Treasury Drafts.

I remain very respy

Yours Alcd. Serv

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Wardlaw  
Sec. of the Treasury

L. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



33

Revenue Department  
New York.

Sir

I transmit the enclosed papers for your examination, as Mr. Hunt states, that he received instructions from your office to thank you for any information on the subject which it may be in your power to communicate.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Wm. Hunt

Samuel B. May  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Chicago.







56

Treasury Department  
October 14, 1887

Sir

In reply to your communication  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant I have only to remark that should  
the Bank of the United States deposit in the Mint  
about half a million in specie as is expected the  
Department will not be obliged at present to draw  
any more from that establishment.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Samuel H. Murray  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint



56

Treasury Department  
October 29. 1857.

Sir

Yours are contained to receive payment  
for the property belonging to the old Mint offered to in  
your communications of the 21st inst. in Treasury drafts -  
provided that satisfactory payment of the drafts has been  
received by the bank on which they are drawn.

You will in that event transmit the drafts to this  
Department and claim a credit for the amount as  
deposited with the Treasurer.

I transmit herewith a communication from  
the incoming firm E. Callaghan relating to the supply of  
the Mint with Bullion for coinage.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. S.

James Smith  
Deputy Treasurer

D. W. M. Patton

Chief of the Mint

Wash



57 Treasury Department  
October 21. 1837.

Sir

The Bank of the United States chartered by the State of Pennsylvania has proposed to pay in specie at the Mint, about half a million of Dollars on account of the First Bond given by the Bank for the stock owned by the Government in the Institution chartered by Congress.

You are authorized and requested to receive the specie on deposit when tendered or offered by the Bank, and you will be pleased to place it specially to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, to be drawn for by him, until further arrangements can be made.

I remain very Respy.

Yours Obedt. Servt.

~~For the~~  
Sec. of the Treasury.

A. A. Patton

Director of the Mint.

The precise amount to receive by you will be indicated by the Solicitor of the Treasury, and when paid you will deliver the ~~same~~ Bond to the Agent of the Bank.



57

Treasury Department  
October 2<sup>d</sup> 1837

Sir

In the event of the payment referred to in my letter of this date being made by the Bank of the United States, I will thank you to inform me, whether it will be more agreeable and convenient, that the amount should remain on special deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States & be paid out on his drafts or that it be transferred to the Treasurer of the Mint for the purposes authorized by the Acts of Congress of 1792 & 1836 <sup>1837</sup> to be withdrawn as the exigencies of the Government may require.

The President of the Bank having voluntarily expressed his willingness to make the payment in question at the Mint, I presume no difficulty ~~or~~ ~~and~~ a delay will arise on your informing the proper officers of the Bank that you are ready to receive the specie. Should it be insisted however that the expense of transportation from the Bank to the Mint should be borne by you - which is not expected after the proposition referred to - you will avoid all further



further delay and embarrassment in  
adjusting the matter accept the specie  
at the Bank and cause it to be trans-  
ported to the Mint - sending the account  
of the expense <sup>of freight</sup> to this Department for  
final adjustment. I am, Sir,

very respectfully  
Yours &c

Samuel B. Anderson  
Secretary of the Treasury

A. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



58

Treasury Department  
October 25. 1837.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and to thank you for the information  
so promptly communicated.

Very Respy  
Yr. Obedt. Servt  
~~Geo. S. Smith~~  
Secy of the Treasury

P. W. McCallum  
Director of the Mint.



Treasury Department

October 31. 1837.

58

Sir

In the conclusion of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst, received yesterday, you remark, that "the question has not seriously arisen whether Art. Barton's proviso, in Sect. 12. of the deposit Law of 1836, is not also repealed by the Mint Act of 1837" - &c. The last section of the Act of June 18. 1837 repeals all previous Acts inconsistent with its provisions.

By the 12<sup>th</sup> sect. of the Act of June 1836 - the President is authorized to direct transfers to an unlimited amount, to the Mint, for the purpose of supplying metal for coinage - and the 9<sup>th</sup> sect. of the Act of 1837 requires that the Secretary of the Treasury shall keep in the Mint when the State of the Treasury will admit thereof, a deposit of public money or of bullion procured for the purpose, not exceeding \$1,000,000 - for the purpose of paying the depositors of bullion at the Mint, its value as soon as ascertained -

On examination of these two



sections it does not appear to the Department that their provisions are inconsistent - the objects being distinct - It is true that the sums transferred under the Act of 1836 may in part be applied to the purchases authorized by the Act of 1837 - ~~but the amount~~ that is when bullion is actually offered at the Mint - But it is by no means clear that the ~~sum~~ sum transferred under the Act of 1837 can be applied to the purchase of metal abroad - it being expressly stated to be for the purpose of paying deposits at the Mint.

With these views, it is desirable that separate and distinct accounts should be kept at the Mint, of the sums transferred there under each act.

Of the sum of \$1000.000 transferred, \$400.000 were transferred prior to the passage of the Act of 1837, and of course under the authority of the Act of 1836 - The remaining \$600.000 transferred <sup>on</sup> February 1837, may be considered as transferred under the authority of the Act of 1837, and the amount paid in by the Bank of the United States may be added to that sum - and ~~of course~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~be considered as~~ <sup>is</sup> subject, however, to be drawn for by the Treasurer



the exigencies of the Government may require

I remain very Respy

Yours & best. Serv

Sam Woodhew

Sec. of the Treasury

R. W. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

P. S. We may need \$100,000 of it very soon; & \$100,000 more <sup>the course of</sup> in one or two months - but if a prospect occurs of being obliged to <sup>further</sup> withdraw more, you shall be <sup>separately</sup> apprised.

L. W.



59

Treasury Department  
November 24. 1837

Sir

The Treasurer of the U.S. has this day been instructed to issue a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Mint at Philad<sup>a</sup>. for \$50,000 in favor of John H. Wheeler Esq. Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N. Carolina - payable in Gold Coins - and to be placed to the credit of said Superintendent in the Mint at Philadelphia - for the special purpose of redeeming such bullion certificates as may be issued by said Superintendent.

I remain very truly  
Your Obedt. Servt

Jas. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



59

Treasury Department  
November 24, 1837

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States has this day been instructed to issue a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia in your favor for \$30,000 payable in Gold Coins - to be placed to your credit in the Mint at Philadelphia for the special purpose of redeeming such certificates as may be issued by you for bullion received at the Branch Mint at Charlotte.

I remain very Resp<sup>y</sup>.

Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

John H. Wheeler

Superintendent of Br. Mint  
Charlotte - N. C.



60

Treasury Department  
December 8. 1834

Sir

Your communication dated the 5<sup>th</sup> inst  
has been received and referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury  
who will communicate the information it contains to the  
Attorney at N. York

He will also write to Boston.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. Servt  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Crooksey  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

P.S. The Dir for the Branch Mint at Charlotte was duly  
received and forwarded



60

Treasury Department  
14<sup>th</sup> Decr 1837

Sir,

Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst  
in relation to the employment of  
a "Director's Clerk" at a salary of  
\$700 per annum, was submitted  
to the President, who approves the  
measure.

I am very respy  
Yours aptly

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury

Dr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



60

Treasury Department  
Decr. 4. 1887.

Sir

In reply to your communication dated  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst I am happy to state, that letters have been  
already addressed to the District Attorney at N. York  
the subject of the issue of spurious copper coin, and I  
shall cause a letter to be written to the District Attorney at  
Boston on the subject, to day.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. Serv.

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Mendenhall  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



61

Treasury Department  
December 7. 1837

Sir

I transmit by this mail two pair of  
dies for the Branch Mint at ~~Charlotte~~ <sup>and</sup> this  
morning from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt  
Lewis Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

John H. Wheeler Esq.  
Superintendent Branch Mint  
Charlotte N. C.



61

Treasury Department  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1837

Sir,

I have been called on by  
the Comtee of Ways & Means for a  
detailed statement of your Estimate  
for the Mint & Branches for 1838 &  
I request, you will furnish me  
with such statement soon as  
practicable.

I am very Resp.  
Yours at. S.

*Samuel D. May*  
Secy of the Treasury

Do R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>



62

Treasury Department  
December 22. 1837.

Sir

Your communication of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.  
accompanied by estimates for the Mint and branches for  
the year 1838 has been this day received and referred  
to the Committee of Ways and Means.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt Servt

Saml Wm. Henry  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Philade



62

Treasury Department  
Dec. 22. 1857.

Sir,

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> has been received and the vouchers which accompanied it handed over to the accounting officers of the Department. The Treasurer will remit to you the sum of \$2500.00 in compliance with your request, as soon as the necessary warrant can be prepared. Your memorial, as stated in my last, was sent to the Hon. Mr. Conner of the H. of R. as you requested - and the Department when called upon by the House or a Committee will be happy to state all the circumstances in relation to your claim.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt Servt

Esq. of the Treas.  
Dec. of the Treas.

Saml. McCaleb Esq  
Dep. Asst. Minr Charlotte  
N. C.



62

Treasury Department  
December 30. 1837.

Sir

In reply to your communication of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst.  
I have to state that the appropriation for compensation to the  
labors at the Branch Mint at Charlotte was ----- \$ 1500  
Of which the Director at Philadelphia has drawn \$ 650  
Drawn by Yourself ----- 500    1150  
Leaving a bal. of ----- \$ 350  
which sum will be transmitted to you by the Treasurer  
of the United States as soon as the necessary warrant can be  
prepared

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>  
~~Saml. Woodbury~~  
Sec. of the Treas.

John B. Wheeler Esq  
Sup. Br. Mint at Charlotte  
N. C.



63

Treasury Department  
Jan. 24. 1838.

Sir

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication, received this morning, from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia - I must add, however, that the balance of the appropriation for wastage of gold and contingent expenses for the Branch Mint at Charlotte, viz. \$400. - was drawn out by D. Patterson on the 20th of last month.

I remain very Respy  
Yours A. S. Sewell  
Sec. of the Treasury

John H. Wheeler  
Charlotte -  
N.C.



63

Treasury Department  
Jan: 29. 1838.

Sir

It has been presented to the Department, that the execution of the contract for the building of the branch Mint at Dahlonega has been greatly and unnecessarily delayed - and that the delay has, in some measure, been caused by a want of that constant care and attention on the part of the Commissioner which was necessary to insure a prompt and faithful completion of the work.

I have, therefore, to suggest to you the necessity of having some person constantly present to superintend the building and to urge its prompt completion; and to request that you will give your attendance for that purpose. Should it, however, not be convenient to do so, you will be pleased to hand over the papers and the balance of the funds at your disposal, to Mr. Singleton, the Superintendent, in order that he may have the works completed at as early a period as practicable, and



in that event, you will transmit your account with  
the vouchers, to the Department for settlement.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Affect. Servt

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Signature New Exp.



64 Treasury Department  
Jan. 29. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst  
and a copy of Mr. Peale's report have been received

A letter has been, this day, addressed to Mr. Jew requesting  
him, unless he can give his constant attention at Dahlonega  
to the superintendence of the building being erected  
there for the Branch Mint, to hand over all the papers  
relating to it, and the balance of the funds in his  
hands, to Dr. Singleton, who has been, in that event,  
requested to take charge of the work and to urge  
its completion as rapidly as practicable &

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Servt

Saml Washington

Sec. of the Treasry

D. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

Director of the Mint



64

Treasury Department  
8<sup>th</sup> <sup>July</sup> Feb'y 1838

Sir,

Transfers drafts to the amount  
of \$12000 issued yesterday & today on  
the Treasurer of the Mint in favour  
of the Bank of the Metropolis, which  
I request may be met in Ameri-  
can Gold.

I am very respy  
Yours obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodluney  
Secy of the Treas<sup>y</sup>

R M Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



64

Treasury Department  
Jan: 11. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. and will thank you to inform me how soon your annual report will be prepared.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt S.

Saml Wendell  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



64

Treasury Department  
Jan: 11. 1837.

Sir

In reply to your communication of  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., I have to state, that the original requisition  
for \$5000 was received, and a warrant on the Union  
Bank of L<sup>a</sup>. for that sum was admitted to <sup>Mr. Justice</sup> ~~pass~~ by the  
Treasurer of the U.S. on the 18<sup>th</sup> ulto.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt  
Saml. Van Hook  
Sec. of the Treas.

David Bradford Esq.  
Depy. Pr. Mint  
N. Orleans



65

Treasury Department  
Feb. 12. 1838.

Sir,

It is desirable, that the Department  
should be informed, from time to time, of the operations  
of the several Branch Mints.

You will be pleased,  
therefore, to require the several Superintendants to make  
returns to you of their operations, monthly or quarterly as  
you may think advisable, to be transmitted by you  
to the Department, either in full or in a condensed form.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Servt

Sec. of the Treasry.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Dir of the Mint  
Phila<sup>a</sup>



65

Treasury Department  
Jan: 18. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
your communication, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. which has  
been referred to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia  
for his examination.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. <sup>st</sup>

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasry.

John H. Wheeler Esq  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
Charlotte N C.



68

Treasury Department  
February 13. 1838.

Sir,

By the statement, transmitted by you to the Department, dated the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, it appears, that there was no gold coined at the Mint during the preceding month.

It is desirable, that the coinage of Gold should be proceeded with as rapidly as practicable both at the Mint and the several branches - and, ~~that~~ where there is no good reason to the contrary, that the coins should be of small denomination. I will thank you to call the attention of the Superintendants of the Branch Mints to the subject. The small pieces of silver can also be coined to great public advantage when orders are not given for large pieces. } I remain very Resp<sup>ly</sup>

Yours Obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury

Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



66

Treasury Department  
February 14. 1838.

Sir

In reply to your communication of the  
29<sup>th</sup> ult. I have to state, that the whole of the sum appro-  
:priated for labors at the Branch Mint at Dahlonega has been  
drawn out as, has the sum appropriated for Wastage, Contingent  
expenses & with the exception of \$50.

A warrant will be transmitted to you by the Treasurer  
for \$3300. Viz: On account of Salaries — \$ 3250.

Wastage & Contingent expenses — 50.  
\$ 3300.

I remain very Respy.  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Wm. Woodluney  
Jas. J. Singleton Jr.  
Dahlonega  
Ga

Wm. Woodluney  
Sec. of the Treas.



66

Treasury Department  
Jan 26. 1838.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, I have to state, that the Department is not informed on what account the draft for \$2304.91 is drawn on you by the Commissioner of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

There is a balance under each head of appropriation for that branch sufficient to meet the draft. You may therefore assure the holders, that it will be paid as soon as advice shall be received from Mr. Gadsden with interest, if required, for the time it shall lie over.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your annual report, for which please accept my thanks.

I remain very Resptl.

Your Obedt. Servt.

Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad.



67

Treasury Department

Feb. 17. 1858.

Have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, and thank you for the information it contains. I trust the demand for small gold & silver coins will soon be resumed in some quarters of the country, if not in all. In answer to your letter of the 14th Feb., which was referred to the Comptroller therewith, I enclose a copy of letter from him, with accompanying documents.

I am very respectfully

Yours etc

Samuel Jackson

Secretary Treasury

Q M Patterson

Director of the Mint

Phila

Gen. M. M. M.

M. M. M.

Sec. Treasury



67

Treasury Department  
February 17, 1838.

Sir,

In consequence of information received at the Department, I have to state, that your immediate attendance at Sakhonega for the purpose of settling with the Contractors for building the Branch Mint at that place, or to hand over to the Superintendent the money and papers in your possession, to enable him to do so, is indispensable.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt Servt

— John Woodlany  
Sec. of the Treas.

Col. A. New-

Sakhonega.

G. W.



67

Treasury Department  
February 22. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, has been received and a letter has been addressed by the Department to the Director of the Mint at Philad<sup>a</sup> on the subject.

The preliminary operations of the Branch Mint need not be delayed for want of funds, provided the acquisitions of the ~~Sec~~ Superintendent and the Department are made in season. That for \$10,000 - was received on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. and a draft for the amount on the Union Bank L<sup>a</sup> was trans: mitted on the 29<sup>th</sup> -

I remain very Respy.  
Yours Obedt. S

E. Forstall Jr -  
Chas. Br. Mint  
New Orleans.

Sec<sup>y</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. Treasury.



68 Treasury Department  
February 22. 1838.

Sir,

I transmit for your examination,  
a copy of a letter received from the Treasurer of  
the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

The Department  
is willing to place \$10 or 20.000 at the Branch in New  
Orleans if you deem it advisable - either out of the  
funds now in the Mint at Philad<sup>a</sup>. or in the hands  
of the Collector at N. Orleans.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Geo. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

D. A. W. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



68

Treasury Department  
February 26. 1838.

Sir,

Your several communications, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> instant have been received and a draft for \$410 will be transmitted to you as soon as the warrant can be framed thro' the necessary forms. The acquisition referred to by Mr. Forstall was received here on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. and a draft for \$10,000 was transmitted to him on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

I will thank you to correspond with the Superintendent of the Branch at N. Orleans and ascertain what is the smallest sum which will be required there for the purchase of bullion and whether it had <sup>been</sup> supplied to the Branch or remain on deposit at the Mint to redeem the Branch Mint certificates as may be required.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Wm. Lenoir  
Secy. Treasury  
See of the Treasr.

Dr. R. M. Patterson  
Philad.



68

Treasury Department  
March 1. 1838.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received this morning from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega - and the draft will be issued as requested by him unless some objection be offered by you.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodley  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

J<sup>r</sup>. H. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



69

Treasury Department  
March 2. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. has been received - It is to be hoped, that the difficulties incident to the local position of the Branch Mints and to new operations will be, soon, overcome & in the mean time the Superintendants should be earnestly requested to exercise all possible foresight and energy so that the operations of their respective Branches may be carried on with correctness & carefulness.

I remain very Respy.

Yours Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Spaulding  
Sec. of the Treasury

S. W. M. Patterson

Philad<sup>a</sup>



69

Treasury Department  
March 6. 1838.

Sir

I enclose for your examination a copy of a Resolution offered yesterday, in the House of Representatives, and will thank you for all the information in your possession, on the subjects to which it relates that I may be prepared to report as early as practicable.

I remain very Respy  
Yrs M<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Wm<sup>l</sup> Loring  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson:

P. S. There was deposited by you, in the Bank of the Metropolis, on the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. last \$120. "in op<sup>t</sup> of Michael Bates". I will thank you to explain on what account the dep. was made in order that the proper disposition may be made of it.

S. W.



69

Treasury Department  
March 5. 1855.

Sir,

Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> of February has been received. I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to you on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. - and have only to add, that it appears that draft for \$2,000. was transmitted by the Treasurer to your address on the same day.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. Servt  
Samuel Washington  
Sec of the Treasury.

J. S. Johnston  
Johnston  
Jr.



70 Treasury Department  
March 12. 1888.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> instant and to express my gratification at the information it contains.

I shall be obliged to make some additional drafts on the Mint in the course of the Spring, but it is not contemplated to reduce the deposit below \$1,000,000 unless it should become absolutely necessary to do so.

I remain very respectfully,

Yours truly &c

Samuel H. Welles  
Sec. of the Treas.

G. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



70

Treasury Department  
March 14. 1838

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. and am happy to learn that the Bank of America has paid over the bal. due to the mint on account of the deposit for the purchase of bullion.

It is hoped, that the coinage at the Mint and branches will be pushed during the present year, as far as practicable, especially of pieces of small denomination, as it is probable there will soon be an increased demand for them.

Your letter in relation to the counterfeit coin, has been referred to the Solicitor, with a request, that he would cause an enquiry to be instituted, and the parties to be prosecuted if they can be detected.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altd. S.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jr. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



70

per Express MailTreasury Department  
March 14. 1838

Sir

Your communication dated the 8<sup>th</sup> instant has been received - Specific sums are appropriated for the expenses of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans under the heads of Salaries of officers - Apparatus - Compensation to laborers - and Wastage of Gold & Silver & Contingent expenses - and I would suggest the necessity of your stating hereafter in your requisitions for funds, the precise sums required under each head of appropriation - and that separate statements be kept by the Treasurer of the expenditures under each head - otherwise difficulties may arise in the adjustment of his account with the Department. The Treasurer will transmit by this mail a draft in fav. of W. Forster on the Collector of the Customs for \$10,000. - viz

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Waste of Salaries | \$ 3,500 |
|-------------------|----------|

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Apparatus &c. (being the bal.) | 2,500 |
|--------------------------------|-------|

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Compensation to laborers - (leaving \$ 244.78) | 3,000 |
|--|-------|

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Wastage of Gold & Silver & Contingent exp <sup>s</sup> | 1,000 |
|--|-------|

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\$ 10,000

over



The Director of the Mint at Philadelphia will, no doubt,  
give you any advice or information you may require  
on any particular points, and make any arrangement which  
may be found useful and necessary to enable you to pay  
for bullion deposited for coinage.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Sr

Sam Woodlee  
Secy of the Treasury

David Bradford &

Superintendent of B. Mint  
N. Orleans.

P.S. The Treasurer's draft for \$ 10,000 is enclosed



71

Treasury Department  
March 16. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 6<sup>th</sup> instant  
has been received. It <sup>will</sup> <sup>give</sup> <sup>me</sup> much pleasure to enter  
into an examination of your claim for an increase of compen-  
sation as Commissioner for erecting the Branch Mint at Dahlburg  
when the building shall be finished and the business is about  
to be finally adjusted. But the amount of your compensation was  
specified and understood by you when the duties were assigned, and  
it is contrary to the practice of the Department, in such cases to make  
any change in the compensation so as to have a retrospective effect;  
as the Agent can at any <sup>time</sup> assign the fact, if the compensation is not  
deemed sufficient. Congress has, however, in such cases, sometimes  
provided for additional compensation, on the presentation of a memorial by  
the parties if all the facts exhibited in the case appear to warrant  
such additional allowance equitable.

It is very desirable to  
have



the building completed and your accounts closed as soon as  
practicable, that the Department and yourself may be relieved  
from any further trouble in the matter.

I remain very truly  
Yours Altd. Sewell

Genl. Wm. B. Lewis  
Sec. of the Treas.

Ignatius A. Sewell  
Livingston  
Ga.



72

Treasury Department  
March 29. 1838.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant with the papers which accompanied it.

The Department can <sup>now</sup> place in the Branch Mint at N. Orleans in specie, under the proper head of deposit from \$50. to \$5.000 if you should deem that course most advisable. But, in that event it may become necessary in the course of the spring to draw <sup>as much more</sup> on the amount now at the Philadelphia Mint, to meet the urgent wants of the Government.

I will thank you for your advice on this point and if you approve of the course suggested I will order the transfer to be made at N. Orleans forthwith.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Servt

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodley  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.



72

Treasury Department  
March 27. 1838.

Sir

I enclose an extract from a letter addressed to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega dated 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, and <sup>would</sup> call your attention to the necessity of your promptly closing up the business in relation to the building.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Most Serv

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Ignatius Dew G.  
Covington Gd.

Extract

"Col Dew has not been here since last summer, and it is very uncertain when he will come. Should he however come, it is difficult to conjecture whether he will receive the building or not.



73

Treasury Department  
March 31. 1838.

Sir,

A draft for \$50,000 on the Collector of the Customs at N. Orleans in favor of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at that place is herewith transmitted.

This amount to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the Br. Mint for the purpose of enabling him to make prompt payment to the Depositors of bullion for coinage.

It is probable, that ~~that~~ the Department may find it necessary to make some small drafts on this deposit, occasionally, but in that event the amount of such drafts will be returned to the Mint as soon as the Department has the funds for that purpose.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. Servt  
Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

David Bradford  
Dep. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans.



73

Treasury Department  
March 21. 1888.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> instant.

If the Department is furnished with other means by  
Congress, drafts to a small amount only will, probably  
be drawn on the Mint - but unless such means are  
furnished it will become necessary to draw on the  
Mint to the extent heretofore indicated - I have

this day ordered the Collector at New Orleans to deposit \$60,000  
in the Branch Mint there  
to enable it to make prompt  
payment for bullion - } I remain very Respy  
Yours Albed. S<sup>r</sup>.  
J. W. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint,  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



73

Treasury Department  
April 5. 1838.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the United States has this day been instructed to issue a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia in your favor for \$20,000 payable in Gold Coins, to be placed to your credit in the Mint at Philadelphia for the special purpose of redeeming such certificates as may be issued by you for bullion received for coinage at the Branch Mint at Dahlonega.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt Servt

Sam Woodley

Secy of the Treasury.

Mrs J. Singleton &

Sup. Br. Mint at Dahlonega  
G.A.



Treasury Department  
April 5. 1888.

Recd Sir  
1888

The Treasurer of the United States has, this day, been instructed to issue a transfer draft for \$20,000 on the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia in favor of Jos. S. Singleton Esq. Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, payable in Gold Coins and to be placed to the credit of said Superintendent in the Mint at Philadelphia for the special purpose of redeeming such bullion certificates as may be issued by said Superintendent.

The Treasurer will advise you by this mail of the issue of the draft and you are authorized on the receipt of the notice to pay the amount at once to the credit of the Superintendent & to charge the certificate referred to in your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.

The transfer draft will be transmitted to Mr. Singleton when enclosed by him, returned directly to the Treasurer of U.S.

I remain, very Resp<sup>l</sup>

Dr W Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Phila

Sam Woodbury

Sec. of the Treasury.

P.S. Additional transfers will be directed for the same object when formal convenient and necessary. I hope you will give him suitable instructions as to his accounts on this subject so as to ensure due responsibility & etc



74

Treasury Department  
April 12. 1838.

Sir

I transmit by this mail to your  
address a package containing dies for the Branch Mint  
at N. Orleans which were received at the Department to  
day from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Servt

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

The Superintendent of the  
Branch Mint  
N. Orleans



74

Treasury Department  
April 12. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your  
communication of the g<sup>l</sup> and of the dies intended for  
the Branch Mint at N. Orleans they shall be immediately  
forwarded to Mr. Bradford the

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your Obedt Servt

Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. M. Patterson  
Philade



75

Treasury Department  
April 13. 1838.

Sir

I transmitted by the Mail of yesterday to your address  
a package containing dies for the Pr. Mint at N. Orleans - and I <sup>to day</sup> trans-  
-mit another package of a similar description received from Philad:  
this morning.

The sum of \$50,000 transmitted in a draft in  
favor of the Treasurer of the Pr. Mint, on the Collector of the Customs  
at N. Orleans is to be considered as deposit in the Branch under  
the provisions of the 13<sup>th</sup> Sect. of the Act of the 23. June 1835 and must  
appear in the Treasurer's account with the Department.

This, so far as regards the operation of the branch, will be the same in  
effect as if the deposit had been made under the provision of 31<sup>st</sup> Sect of  
the Act of Jan. 18. 1837 - as the bullion presented at the Branch can be  
purchased and paid for by you as soon as its value can be ascertained.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. Bradford Esq.

Sub. Pr. Mint. N. Orleans

Jam. Woodbury

Sec. of the Treasry.



75

Treasury Department  
April 13. 1838.

Sir

The sum of \$20,000 transferred to your credit on the Books of the Mint at Philadelphia is to be considered as placed in the Branch Mint at Dahlonega under the provision of the 12<sup>th</sup> sect. of the Act of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1836, and must appear under that head in your accounts with the Department.

This so far as regards the operations of your branch will be the same in effect as if the deposit had been made under the provisions of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sect. of the Act of 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1837 - as the bullion when presented at the branch can be purchased and paid for by you when its value shall have been ascertained.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Serv

Saml Woodbury  
Sec of the Treasury

Jos. J. Singleton  
Amasa  
Lumpkin Co. Ga.



76

Treasury Department  
April 13. 1838.

Sir

The sum of \$30.000 transferred to your credit on the Books of the Mint at Philadelphia is to be considered as placed in the Branch Mint at Charlotte under the provision of the 13<sup>th</sup> Sect. of the Act of 23. June 1836 and must appear under that head in your account with the Department.

This so far as the operations of your Branch are concerned will be the same in effect as if the Deposit had been made under the provision of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sect. of the Act of 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1837 as the Bullion when presented at the Branch can be purchased and paid for by you when its value shall have been ascertained.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasry.

J. H. Wheeler &  
Sub. Br. Mint  
Charlotte - N.C.



76

Treasury Department  
April 13. 1838.

Sir

The several sums of \$30,000 and \$20,000 transferred on the Books of the Mint to the credit of the Superintendants of the Branch Mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega are to be considered as paid out of the amount deposited with the Mint under the provisions of the 22<sup>d</sup> sect. of the Act of 22<sup>d</sup> of June 1835.

The effect so far as regards the operation of the branches will be the same as if the transfer had been made under the provisions of the 21<sup>st</sup> sect. of the Act of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1837, for the purpose of making prompt payment to the state of bullion for coinage as the bullion is now presented and the branches can be purchased and paid for as the Superintendent's value shall have been ascertained.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Randall  
Secy. of the Treasury

Dr. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



37

Treasury Department  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 1838.

Sir

Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> has been received. The doc<sup>s</sup> shall be forthwith forward to Mr. Bradford.

I enclose for your examination Report & communication received from the Commissioners of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega.

I also enclose for your examination a Bill received from the Superintendent of the Br. Mint at Charlotte with a request that it should be submitted to the Com. of Ways & Means. I could thank you to state whether, in your opinion, that the amendments suggested in the Bill should be adopted.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt Servt  
Saml M. Worthington  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



77

Treasury Department  
April 17. 1838.

Sir:

I transmit by this day's mail, to your  
address, another box of dies, received, to day from the  
Directr of the Mint at Philadelphia, and intended  
for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

I remain very Resp  
Your Obedt Servt

Saml B. Smith  
Sec. of the Mint.

David Braaflaet &

Sup. Dir. Mint

N. Orleans.



77

Treasury Department  
April 19. 1838.

Sir

Your communication of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst has been received. The letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> therein referred to has been transmitted to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia for his examination.

When Dr. Patterson's reply shall be received the necessary instructions will be given to you.

I remain very Respy  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Ignatius A. Drew  
Covington  
Georgia



77

Treasury Department  
April 22. 1838.

Sir,

The form of the Bill, transmitted by you to amend the Act establishing the Branches of the Mint was duly received. On consultation with the Directors of the Mint at Philad<sup>a</sup> the Department has come to the conclusion, that it would not be expedient to present the matter to Congress at present, for several reasons, which can hereafter be explained -

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt &

Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. H. Wheeler

Sup. Pr. Mint

Charlotte N.C.



78

Treasury Department  
April 23. 1838.

Sir,

I transmit, enclosed, <sup>a copy of</sup> a communication received this morning from the Director of the Mint at Philad<sup>a</sup>. upon the points submitted to the Department with your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant.

I have again to call your attention to the necessity of closing up all the concerns in relation to the building at the earliest period practicable - and in doing so you will be governed by the opinion<sup>s</sup> of <sup>Chief</sup> Mr. Patterson so far as expressed in the enclosed - and consult with Mr. Singleton the Superintendent on any doubtful points.

I remain very Respy.

Your Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodhull  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. A. Dew  
Corington  
Eg



78

Treasury Department  
April 25. 1838.

Sir

The Treasurer of the U. States has  
been, this day, instructed, to issue a transfer draft on  
the Collector of the Customs at N. Orleans for \$25,000 in favor  
of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans to  
be placed to his credit in said Branch for the purpose  
of supplying metal for coining, agreeable to the provision  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sect. of Act of 23. June 1835 - to regulate the  
Deposits of the Public Money.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. Bradford -  
Sup. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans



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Treasury Department

April 26: 1858.

Sir

your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst on the subject of your detention <sup>arising from a pressure</sup> in Phil<sup>a</sup> and the  
 determinations of the City Councils and Banks, relative to the course of conduct  
 they intend to adopt towards the restoration of the legal currency <sup>of the County</sup> is at  
 hand. In reply, I should be ~~pleased~~ <sup>pleased</sup> to see you, when the pressure is over,  
 tho I am happy to hear of a pressure, of that kind.

We sent a transfer for \$25,000 more of specie to the Branch at  
 New Orleans yesterday. I regret, however, that the delay of Congress in -  
 giving - ways and means will, it is feared, require me to draw  
 largely on the Mint <sup>for a few</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>ensuing</sup> ~~few~~ weeks. - A draft for \$50,000  
 will go today; but I shall endeavor if possible not to reduce the whole  
 deposits below \$400,000.

I am very respectfully  
 Yours etc.

L. M. Woodbury  
 Jr Secretary

Robt Patterson Esq  
 Director of the Mint  
 Phila



79

Treasury Department  
April 27. 1838.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant which  
with the sketch of the Bill ~~which~~ accompanied it  
has been submitted, agreeable to your request, to the  
Chairman of the Committee of Finance of the Senate

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt Servt  
Saml Wadsworth  
Sec. of the Treasry.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint.



79

Passing Department  
April 20. 1838.

Sir

Your of date has been received, and  
is accompanied with good report. I transmit, enclosed, a statement  
showing the corresponding balances of the appropriations for the United  
Mint at N. Orleans.

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt  
~~Samuel M. Young~~  
Sec. of the Dept.

David Bradford  
Sup. Pro. Mint  
N Orleans



79

Treasury Department  
May 2. 1838.

Sir

I transmit by this Mail another packet  
of dies intended for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans. ~~which~~  
has coming from the Directs of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Albed. S<sup>r</sup>

~~Samuel~~  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. Bradford Esq  
Sup. Branch Mint  
N Orleans



80

Treasury Department  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1838

Sir,

By direction of the Secretary  
I send you a counterfeit dollar  
lately emitted in N. York. The  
Secretary requests that it may  
be assayed to ascertain the me-  
tals of which it is composed.

I am very respy

Your ob<sup>t</sup> S<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Chubbuck Young  
~~Secy of the Mint~~

Dr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint, Phil<sup>a</sup>



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Treasury Department  
May 11. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March last, was duly received and has now been submitted to the Post Master General, who will take such measures and give such directions to the Deputy P. Master at Dahlonega as, in his opinion, the circumstances stated by you may seem to require.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Serv

Saml. Wendell  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Mr. J. Dingelton &  
Sup. P. M. Dahlonega.



81

January Department  
May 18. 1818.

My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the certificate suggested by you. I am sorry to hear that the State of the Treasury has not made it necessary, the doubt in the mind will not be long and I am fully satisfied to be in the favor of the Department, before the same can be placed more speed than in September.

I remain very respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servt.

Samuel B. May  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Adams  
Chas.



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Treasury Department  
May 25. 1838.

Sir

The forms transmitted by you for the Super:  
intendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans were duly  
received and forwarded.

I will thank you to  
inform me whether the money on deposit at the Mint  
is kept in the Mint or in Bank. If in the former, whether  
the vault & securities are ample -  
and if in the latter, what security is  
the depository of it.

I remain very Resp<sup>t</sup>  
Your Obed. S<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



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Treasury Department  
May 11. 1838.

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States has been directed to draw two drafts on the Treasurer of the Mint - one for \$50,000. and one for \$25,000 - for the purpose of procuring American Gold to pay such of the members of Congress as may prefer it.

It is hoped, that the Treasurer will be able to pay the drafts in that coin, and the Department will soon cause an equal or larger amount of specie to be deposited in the Mint if it be very desirable, and the means in its possession will enable it to do so.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Saml Wm. Lewis  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Treasury Department  
June 8. 1877.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> ulto. I have to state, that your requisition ~~cannot~~ cannot in its present form be complied with.

It is necessary, that you should specify the sum required under each separate head of appropriation and I enclose for your information a statement from the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury showing the balance of each appropriation on this day.

I will only add, that advances to the extent required by you cannot under any circumstances be made, but will be for all now due, or which may be <sup>incurred</sup> for one month in advance.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Samuel Woodlee  
Secy of the Treasury

Wm. J. Singleton &  
Sub. Treas. Mint Sahlenego.

P. S. In respect to the enclosure for it may be well for you to consult the Director of the Mint. L. W.



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Treasury Department  
June 11. 1838.

Sir

Your communication of the 25<sup>th</sup> of last was duly received and referred to the Comptroller of the Treasury. A copy of his report is herewith transmitted.

From this it appears, that the Act of 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1834 increased the salary of the Director of the Mint and expressly assigned to him "the general regulation and supervision of the business of the several branches" & prohibited any allowance beyond the salary for any charges whatever.

This was not the case when the allowance was made to D. Moore -

It seems to me, however, that on any disbursements made by you prior to the passage of the Act referred to, a commission of two and a half per Cent may be allowed as in D. Moore's case -

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Saml Woolbary  
Secy of the Treasry.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
June 15. 1838.

Sir

Amount of the 13<sup>th</sup> has just been received.  
I will thank you to state in what denomination of Coins  
you propose to pay Mr. Newbold how much you will want  
in addition to your present means. It may be in the  
power of the Department <sup>now</sup> to furnish you with a draft  
on the Bank of America for enough to enable you  
to settle with Mr. Newbold satisfactorily.

I remain very Respy  
your Obedt Serv

Samuel H. Murray  
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson.  
Director of the Mint  
Phila. Pa.



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I understand the interest.  
with the same.

Treasury Department  
Sept 28. 1838.

I have to state, in reply to some of the  
that on application at the office of the Treasurer  
of the State, it appears, that the transfer draft referred to,  
Jan 28. 1838 was transmitted to your address at Charlotte N.C.  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant.

Very Truly  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>  
Samuel Vann  
Sec. of the Treasury

John H. Wheeler Esq.  
Sup. Ar. Mint Charlotte N.C.  
Now in Philadelphia



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Treasury Department  
July 20. 1838.

Sir,

Mr. Reed's arrival at New York with the amount of the Smithsonian legacy in foreign gold is expected daily. Mr. W. has been requested to transfer the money at once to the Mint to be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States - As soon as the exact value shall be ascertained and returned to the Treasurer of the United States by the Mint, a transfer draft will be issued to place the amount in the Mint under the provisions of the 12<sup>th</sup> sect. of the Act of 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1836.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt.  
Saml W. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. W. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Phila<sup>a</sup>.



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Mint

Treasury Department  
July 27. 1855.

Sir,

I have a letter addressed to the Department by Mr. Reck and received this morning. I am led to hope that before the expiration of the month of August next, the amount of the Smithsonian legacy will be deposited in the Mint.

In that event I should be pleased if you would lend to the amount of about \$50,000. in Eagles - the Department would be obliged to draw on the Mint for the sum of money of Congress during the next session & would like to have some Golden Eagles to distribute amongst those who prefer them.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Chas. S.

Samuel Washington  
Sec. of the Treasury

L. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint.



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Treasury Department  
July 2. 1838.

Sir,

The Department has received certain information in relation to one of the Treasury Notes, advertised in the Globe on the 15<sup>th</sup> ult. which it will be happy to communicate to yourself or the parties interested, as you may desire.

I remain very Respy  
Yours A. A. S.

Samuel Randall  
Sec. Treasury.

John H. Wheeler Jr.

Sup. Por. Mint - Charlotte

N.C.

now in Philadelphia



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Treasury Department.  
July 2. 1838.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail a box containing small assay pieces received from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

Application has been made for — specimens of the new coin of one dollar to take to the West for distribution — Will you be pleased to send to the Department about \$50. by the first opportunity & the amount will be promptly reimbursed to you.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. S<sup>t</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

W. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



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Treasury Department  
July 4. 1888.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. has been received and also Fifty dollars of the new Coinage, for which please receive my thanks.

The Collector of Philadelphia has been requested to pay you the amount for which he will receive a credit by a deposit of a similar sum in the Bank here.

I remain very Respy

Yrs Obedt.

J. W. Woolsey  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. P. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

P. S. If you have them to spare I will thank you to send \$25 more by the return of mail.



Treasury Department  
July 11. 1838.

Sir,

Yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. has been received accompanied by your account for the 3<sup>rd</sup> q<sup>r</sup>. 1838. Your account should be transmitted to the Auditor of the Treasury (Depe Heller) and not to this office. Those now received have been referred to him.

Dr. Patterson has received the draft for \$2000 transmitted to him in compliance with the request contained in yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. but is at a loss to understand for what purpose it was sent. You had better correspond with him accordingly.

Jos. J. Singletary  
Depy Secy. Minr  
Dakota  
Ga.

Please decipher the  
last part of these  
letters & return them to  
a. Smith



Treasury Department  
July 11. 1838

Sir,

Your communication dated the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. has been received and also \$25 of the new Coinage, which now the Collector of the Customs will be requested to pay to you, & the \$75. will be paid to the credit of the Treasurer on account of the Collector. The draft to which you refer for \$2000 was made payable to your order at the request of Mr. Singleton Asst. Dir. Mint at Dahlonega - it was issued on his requisition for \$1000 of salaries of officers & and \$1000 of purchase of Gold. It was forwarded that Mr. Singleton had communicated with you on the subject.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Treasury Department  
July 12. 1838.

Sir,

A draft will be drawn, today, by the  
Treasurer of the State on the Treasurer of the Mint  
for \$20. or 30.000. This money is required for  
disbursement in the West and it is desirable, that it should  
be paid in the smallest coins of gold and silver that  
can well be spared.

When the Smithsonian legacy  
shall arrive I am in hopes to be able to replace this  
sum with the Mint and to deposit an additional amount.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Sam. Washington  
Sec. of the Treas.

Dr. R. M. Patterson  
Philad.



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Treasury Department  
July 18. 1838.

in

In compliance with your request, I  
transmit enclosed, a statement prepared in the office of  
the Register of the Treasury showing the appropriations made  
at the late session of Congress for the Mint Establishment.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altho: S

Saml W. Benson  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint

P.S. The Act referred to by you, respecting the Branch Mint at  
Belmont had not become a law

L. W.



87.

Mint

Treasury Department  
August 9. 1838.

Sir,

It is very desirable, that the population  
of the upper states <sup>in the union</sup> should be supplied from the Mint at  
N. Orleans with small silver coins sufficient to answer  
the purpose of change. I will thank you, therefore, if  
it be practicable, to keep on hand, at all times, an ample  
supply, so as to be able to meet any demands that may  
be made for it.

I remain very Respy  
Yours - Wm. L.  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. Bradford  
Superintendent Pr. Mint  
N. Orleans,



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Mint

Treasury Department  
August 10. 1858

Sir,

Be pleased to receive my thanks for  
your communication dated the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. which has come  
to hand.

I hope you will introduce the subject in  
your next annual report. or make a special one on the  
subject early in the next session of Congress.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

G. O. W. Adams  
Dir. of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



Treasury Department  
Sep August 31. 1838.

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*G. W. W. Putnam.*

S. M. Ripley



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Treasury Department  
Sept. 3. 1838.

Sir,

Your communication, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. advising the Department of the receipt of the proceeds of the Smithsonian legacy at the Mint has been received, and it is hoped, that the necessary certificate of the value thereof will reach here by the mail tonight, as some negotiation, entered into cannot be completed until it is received.

The coinage of the Gold will, it is hoped, proceed as rapidly as practicable. I shall be obliged to draw on the mint occasionally during the autumn: but I trust not so as to be inconvenient or to reduce the <sup>very</sup> balance <sup>below  $\frac{3}{4}$  million</sup> materially, before the winter or spring.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altho. S

Genl Woodbury

See of the Treas.

Dr. B. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint.

Philad.



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Washington. 4th. Sept. 1838

Dear Sir;

In making an investment of the British mission  
fund I shall need fifty thousand dollars  
from the mint in gold - American coinage. -  
Can it be furnished now? - if not - how soon?

Respectfully y<sup>r</sup> truly

James

James Woodbury

Secy. of Tr.

Wm. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint  
Phil.



with principles. & I will be able to do so. 8.9  
which has been done and will be done with the same

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Treasury Department  
September 5. 1838.

Sir,

A draft has this day been drawn by  
the Treasurer of the State on the Treasurer of the  
Mint in favor of Wm. D. Cameron for \$50,000.

The draft has been forwarded to W. D. at W. York  
the wife he is in Philadelphia, probably a Friday or  
Saturday, and is to be paid to the person who is to  
present it being on gold coin.

It is supposed to be  
by W. D. Cameron but the draft is not yet  
by payment of that amount of the gold coin on  
account of the Washington legacy in the second volume  
of the document for it out of the coin was a hundred  
it is supposed to be done without delay. If you have a large  
draft send.

I remain very Respy  
Yours truly Wm

Wm. D. Cameron  
Philad.

Saml. B. B. B.  
Sec. of the Treasury P.S. over



the  
right.

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Treasury Department  
September 19. 1888.

Sir

Your communication dated the 18<sup>th</sup> instant enclosing \$5 worth of quarter dollars of the new coinage was duly received and I have now the pleasure to transmit enclosed \$5 in payment for the same.

Your communication of the 14<sup>th</sup> enclosing a copy of your account for commissions on disbursements made on account of the Branch Mints has also been received and will receive due attention.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. &c  
Wm. Lindley  
Acty Sec. of the Treas.

D. W. W. Patterson.  
Director of the Mint.



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Tenny Department  
October 1868

Si

I have acknowledged the receipt of  
your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst stating the amount of  
small silver coins struck at the mint during  
the last six months.

I will thank you to make a monthly  
return to the Treasurer of amount standing to  
his credit on the books of the mint under  
each account showing that no mistake has  
occurred here as to deposits. I will be obliged if  
you will let the list of these returns be trans-  
mitted to the Treasurer as soon as they be

Yours, Sir

Very respectfully

John Smith

Wm. Patterson &  
Clerk of the Mint

Wm. Smith  
Secretary of the Treasury



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Treasury Department  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 1838

Sir, I have directed the Treasurer to have a draft drawn in your favor on the Collector of New York City, payable to your order in that City - and to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer in the account opened on the books of the Mint by the Act of 1837.

It is my wish, that this sum <sup>after receiving the same</sup> be made available at the New Orleans Branch Mint where there is understood to be a deficiency of means to make payment to depositors of gold in coinage. If you and the directors there can arrange the mode of realizing this sum so that hereafter so as to best promote the convenience of all parties, the amount can <sup>be</sup> transferred from the credit of the Treasurer at your bank, to those of the Branch at New Orleans. I have directed this transfer to be made payable in New York in the belief, that it will afford some facility by obviating the necessity of transportation from Philadelphia to New Orleans.

I am, Sir,  
Very respectfully,  
Yours obediently,  
James Woodhouse  
Secretary of the Treasury

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



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Treasury Department  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1838

Sir,

The Superintendent of the B<sup>m</sup> Mint at  
Dahlonega Ga has forwarded to this Department  
under date of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst<sup>d</sup>, in compliance with your  
instructions, "ten half Eagles representing certain number  
of our coinage preparations, or Coiners deliveries"  
and in compliance with his request, I herewith  
forward the same to you -

I am, Very Respectfully,  
Y<sup>rs</sup>. Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Forward  
Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Treas<sup>y</sup>

R. M. Patterson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



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Treasury Department  
November 14. 1838

Sir,

I submit to you, enclosed, a communication addressed by Moritz Thurt of your city to the President of the United States and by him referred to this Department. and shall be pleased if you will give to Mr. Thurt any aid in your power and which may be consistent with the public interests.

I remain very Respy.

Your Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury,  
Secy. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

J. R. W. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Treasury Department  
November 21. 1828

On the 19<sup>th</sup> instant I forwarded by M. H. Tolson of your City two half Eagles received here from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega with a request, that they should be transmitted to you. I presume that you have received them before this.

I transmit herewith two more half Eagles received this morning from M. Sigleton forwarded at his request.

It is desirable to complete the Estimate, for appropriations, to be submitted to Congress at the next session, as soon as possible and I will thank you to transmit at your earliest convenience your Estimate for the Mint at Pickens and each of the Branch Mints, to the Register of the Treasury. *Will you forward them by the first private conveyance to the Treasury and keep them as they are received?*

D. W. M. Patterson.  
Pickens

Wm. L. G. L. G.  
Secy of the Treasury.



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Treasury Department  
 Decm<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1838.

Sir

Your draft in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for \$18,100 is received: and in reply have to observe, that it is necessary to designate the appropriation out of which the draft is to be paid - so as to enable the Department to charge the amount drawn for, under its proper head. You merely say, for "incidental and contingent expenses," when, there are two different acts appropriating money for "contingencies" of the Mint - one in 1837 "for wastage of gold and silver, and contingent expenses <sup>and improvements in machinery</sup> of the Mint," and another in 1838 "for the pay of laborers in the various Departments of the Mint, and for contingent expenses" only.

I am very respectfully  
 your obt. Servt.

R. M. Patterson Esq  
 Director of the Mint  
 Phila

Secretary of the Treasury



Treasury Department  
Decr. 10. 1838.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
and to thank you for four Eagles transmitted  
by you.

I transmit enclosed a draft on the  
United States for the amount of \$20. being on  
my first account. I remain very Respy

Yours A. A. Smith

Sec. of the Mint

G. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philad.



Treasury Department  
Dec. 10. 1888.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. The ten half Eagles enclosed in it have been transmitted to the Director at Philadelphia as requested by you.

A warrant has been issued in your favor for \$2000. and a draft will be sent to you by the Treasurer for the amount.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt  
~~Sam. H. Murray~~  
Sec. of the Treas.

Wm. J. Singleton  
Sub. Dir. Mint



Treasury Department  
December 10. 1838.

Sir

I transmit enclosed 10 more half  
Eagles received this morning, from the Superintendent  
of the Branch Mint at Balneaga with a request that  
they should be forwarded to you.

I remain very Respy  
Yours A. A. S.

~~I am very Respy~~  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Phila<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 14. 1835.

Sir

The 10 half Eagles enclosed in your communication of the 1<sup>st</sup> came safely to hand and were forthwith forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia who has acknowledged the receipt of them.

I remain very Respy &

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

Jos J. Singleton &  
Sup. of Mint.  
Dahlgren  
Ja.



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Treasury Department  
Decr. 14. 1838.

Sir,

It is appears, that there is the sum appearing  
in your hands being the bal. of the profits of the Copper  
account. Will please you to deposit the amount in  
the Mayamoring Bank to the credit of the Treasurer of  
the Treasury of the United States in special account.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S

Wm. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

The Treasurer of the Mint  
Philad.



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Treasury Department  
Decr. 14 1835.

Sir,

Your several letters of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant have been received and I have by this mail requested the Treasurer of the Mint to deposit in the Maryland Bank to the special credit of the Treasurer of the State the sum of \$10,551.27 now in his hands - the balance of the profits of the Copper account.

You will be pleased also to deposit in the like manner the bal. in your hands of the appropriation made June 27. 1834 - "to enable the Secy of the Mint to procure the necessary Apparatus for parting Gold & Silver by the Sulphuric Acid &c."

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

Saml Woodley  
Secy. of the Treas.

D. W. Patterson  
Secy. of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Treasury Department  
Decr. 21. 1838.

Sir

I have to request your attention to the enclosed extracts from a letter addressed by the Asayer of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans to the Hon. Th. B. Benton

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. S.

Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

Dr. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1838

Sir,

Your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> inst. with the ten half Eagles enclosed therein, have been this day received, and forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia -

The following remittance were made, on your requisition viz-

To R. M. Patterson Director Phila

for salary \$ 500

Contingencies & \$ 500 \$ 1,000

To yourself

Salary — \$ 1,000

Compensation to Labourers \$ 1,000 \$ 3,000  
\$ 3,000

I am Very Respectfully,  
Yr. Obedt Servt

Joseph I. Singleton Esq

Supt. B<sup>r</sup> Mint  
Dahlgren - &c

Samuel M. Young  
Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Treas<sup>y</sup>



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Treasury Department  
December 28. 1838.

Sir,

I transmit, enclosed, an Extract from a Resolution of the Senate of the 11th inst. and will thank you to furnish me, as soon after the expiration of the year as practicable, with all the information in your possession, necessary to enable me to comply with the Resolution.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altho. S

Saml. W. Thompson  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



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Treasury Department  
Decr 31<sup>st</sup> 1838

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>s</sup>, respecting the removal of the Appraiser & Coiner of the Dahlonega <sup>W<sup>est</sup></sup> Mint, together with a copy of their letter to you on the same subject.

I have to inform you in reply, that nothing has been communicated to the Department on the subject - before your letter -

I am, Very Respectfully,  
Y<sup>r</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Treas<sup>y</sup>

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>



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Treasury Department  
Jan. 3. 1839

Sir

I would call your attention, to the subject matter of the inclosed copy  
of a letter, received at the Department, from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> S. C. Sumner.  
The applications asked, are decided at your earliest con-

venience.

I am very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt Servt

P. A. Polkman Esq  
Director. Mint.  
Phila.

Levi Woodbury  
Secy. Treasury



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Treasury Department  
Jan. 14. 1839

Sir,

I perceive by your requisition of the 2<sup>d</sup>. inst  
received this morning the following

"For pay of Laborers & for Contingent Expenses 7,600"

The appropriation for incidental & contingent expenses  
is exhausted, but there is a sufficient amount to the credit  
of the other account. viz.

"For Assistants in the several Departments  
of the Mint Clerk hire & Laborers viz \$14,600

I return therefore the requisition that it may, if you think  
proper, be changed in this particular & when received  
again immediate attention will be given to the subject  
as no further difficulty exists.

Very Res<sup>t</sup>. Sir, I remain  
O<sup>b</sup>d<sup>t</sup>. S<sup>t</sup>  
L. W.

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia -



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Treasury Department  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir

Your communication of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo  
accompanied by two new Eagles has been received  
and the 2<sup>d</sup> Eagle transmitted to the Director of the  
Mint at Philadelphia in compliance with your  
request.

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours &c. &c.  
Sam<sup>l</sup> M. Young  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

Jos J. Singleton Esq  
Sup. Dir. Mint  
Baltimore  
Md.



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Treasury Department  
Jan. 8. 1889.

Sir

I transmit herewith two half-Eagles received this morning from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega with a request that they should be forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Your communication dated the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. was duly received and I shall be pleased to receive the statement referred to, at your earliest convenience.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. S<sup>vt</sup>

Samuel H. Smith  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



(98.)

Treasury Department  
June 9. 1839

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. I have to state  
that the money upon the requisition of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. will be imme-  
diately forwarded. The mistake occurred with the Clerk a dis-  
tinction having been observed between labour & contingent ex-  
penses in the accounts hitherto upon the books; did not notice  
the fact that by the appropriation of 1838 they are united.

Very Res<sup>d</sup>. Sir, I remain  
Yr. ob<sup>d</sup>. S<sup>t</sup>

~~Wm. A. R. Smith~~  
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia.

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Treasury Department  
Jan: 12. 1839.

Sir,

The several boxes containing dies for the  
Branch Mints at Dahlonega and Charlotte have been  
received and forwarded agreeable to the directions & -

I remain very Respy

Yours Obedt. Servt

Sam: Mudd  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. V. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



(98)

Treasury Department  
Jan: 12. 1839

Sir,

I transmit by this Mail directed, to  
you, a box containing dies received this morning  
from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia with  
a request that they should be forwarded

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>r</sup>

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. J. Singleton Esq.  
Sup. Pr. Mint.  
Dahomey.

P.S. The Director has acknowledged the receipt of ten 9<sup>2</sup> Eagles  
from your Branch - forwarded from this Dept. on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant.



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Treasury Department  
Jan. 12. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit by this Mail a box containing dies, received this morning from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia with a request that they should be forwarded

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Sl

Samuel H. Murray  
Secy of the Treasry.

Jos. H. Wheeler &  
Charlotte



(170)

Treasury Department  
Jan: 25. 1839.

Sir,

The President has directed three Com:  
missioners to be appointed, in addition to the Judge  
and District Attorney of the UStates for the Eastern District  
of Pennsylvania and the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia,  
for the purposes mentioned in the 32<sup>nd</sup> sect. of the Act of  
Congress of 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1837. entitled "An Act supplementary to  
the Act entitled "An Act establishing a mint, and regulating  
the coins of the UStates" and I herewith transmit their  
letters of appointment with a request, that you will  
cause them to be delivered to the gentlemen appointed.

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Servt

~~Wm~~ Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



(100)

Treasury Department  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 25: 1839

Sir,

I am authorized by the President to appoint you a Commissioner, to act conjointly with Messrs H. Vethake & H. Kuhn ~~Esq~~ to carry into effect the 32<sup>d</sup> Section of the act supplementary to an act establishing a Mint and regulating the coins of the United States, approved Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1837.

Alexander Dallas Bache Esq

Phil<sup>l</sup> de<sup>l</sup>phia  
same to Prof. H. Vethake  
&  
Herman Kuhn Esq

I am very respectfully  
Yours M<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodlee  
Secretary of the Treasury



101

Treasury Department  
Jan. 30. 1889.

Sir

I transmit by this mail a  
package received from the Superintendent of the  
Branch Mint at N. Orleans - containing Coins of that  
Branch reserved for the annual assay.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. 2<sup>d</sup>

Sam. Washington  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Treasury Department  
Jan: 30. 1839.

Sir.

Your communication of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst  
accompanied by a package containing coins of the  
French Mint at N. Orleans received for the annual assay  
has been received - and the package, in compliance  
with your request, forwarded to the Directors of the  
Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Resp<sup>t</sup>  
Yours Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

David Pradon  
Sup. Pr. Mint.  
N. Orleans.



112

Treasury Department  
Feb. 2 1829.

Sir,

The two boxes sent by you on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. have been received this day  
and forwarded to N. Orleans as requested.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Saml. Townsend  
Sec. of the Treasury

S. R. M. Patterson  
Philad.



Treasury Department  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. 31. 1839

Sir,

In reply to the request contained in your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst I have only to add, that an Appropriation bill embracing the estimate to which you refer, has not yet been passed by Congress

Very Res<sup>t</sup>. Sir, I remain  
Wm. D. S.

Secretary of the Treasury

John A. Wheeler Esq  
Supt<sup>r</sup> Branch Mint U.S.  
at Charlotte N. C.



(112)

Treasury Department  
February 2. 1839.

Sir

I transmit by this mail, to your  
address, two boxes, received this morning from  
the Direct of the Mint at Philadelphia - containing  
also for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Wm. B. Ewing  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. Prachner &  
Sup. of the Mint N. Orleans.



(103)

Treasury Department  
Washington D.C.

Sir,

By a Resolution of the House of Representatives  
of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. the Secretary of the Treasury is called upon to  
to the House what will be, as nearly as he can estimate, the  
"necessary additional expense of Machinery, & of persons & the  
"employees, if a law shall be passed directing the issuing  
"of small change at the Branch Mint at the State of Carolina,  
"as urged by the Legislature of the State of N. Carolina.

I will thank you to forward me, at your earliest  
convenience with the information necessary to enable  
me to reply to the Resolution.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altho. &c.

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1834.

Wm. Patterson.

Wm. Patterson  
Pittsburgh



(103)

Treasury Department  
9th. Feb. 1839

Sir,

It is expected, that during the next thirty days, the  
draft on the Treasury will be very large -

I am, therefore, desirous of knowing the full extent  
to which I am, if necessary, drawn on the credit without  
creating serious inconvenience.

I shall, notwithstanding,  
draw as little as possible - & replace, in due season,  
I hope, what is withdrawn -

Respectfully Yours

Saml. B. Knapp

Sec. of Tr.

Per. R. B. Smith Sec. of the Treas.



Treasury Department  
February 21. 1839.

Received by the  
Treasurer of the  
Department  
Feb. 21. 1839

The enclosed communications upon  
the subject of the Branch Mint, are referred  
to you for your examination. I will thank  
you to engage into the matter and to report the  
result to the Department.

Please to return the enclosures  
when you have done with them.

I remain very truly  
Yours Alex. H.

Sam. Washington  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Archibald



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Treasury Department  
 February 26 1879

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
 your communication of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. upon the  
 subject of the Dr. Mint at Charlotte N.C. & to thank  
 you for your suggestions.

The President as well as  
 the Department hope and believe that you will  
 be able by your power to reconcile any difficulties which  
 may exist among the officers of the Bureau for such  
 time that their operations may be conducted  
 in efficient and orderly & all concerned as  
 possible.

I remain very Respectfully  
 Yours  
 Wm. A. R.

J. W. G. Williams  
 Secy. of the Mint  
 Philad.

By J. W. G. Williams  
 Secy. of the Draft.



My dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter.

The very interesting letter from the French Committee by you on the 20th inst. received and forwarded.

I remain very truly  
 Yours, etc.

Wm. W. Loring  
 Sec. of the Treasury

W. W. Loring  
 Sec. of the Treasury



105.

Treasury Department  
March 9. 1839.

Sir,

Your statement of the Coinage of Gold at the Mint  
for the month of February last has been received.

It is hoped and expected that all proper steps will be taken  
to keep the Mint and its branches actively employed the  
ensuing season -

I remain very Respy  
Yrs. Alserv. L

—Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



(105.)

Treasury Department  
March 11. 1839

Sir,

I received this morning your letter  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. in reference to your request to  
have the sum of \$1200 paid to R. M. Patterson.  
I have to state, that it is material to distinguish  
out of which appropriation you wish this amount  
paid. It does not appear from your letter. As soon as  
I receive your reply immediate attention will be  
given to the subject.

Very Res<sup>t</sup>. Sir  
J. Mendenhall

Joseph T. Singleton  
Act<sup>y</sup> of Br. U. S. Mint  
Savannah Ga

Secy of the Treasury



Treasury Department  
March 11. 1839.

Sir,

Your communication, dated the 2<sup>d</sup> instant came to hand on the 9<sup>th</sup> and in compliance with your request I transmit enclosed a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Bepell to the Hon. S. W. Poinsett Secretary of War.

The Department will be pleased to receive any explanations which you may deem it necessary or proper to offer in relation to the facts stated in the letter of Mr. Bepell.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Sam<sup>l</sup> C. Kneeling  
Sec. of the Treasury

John H. Wheeler Esq.  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
Charlotte N.C.







as promised in your letter of 16 May 1886. The same  
appears to be the case as to the foreign term and for a long  
time.

I remain very truly  
Yours Albert. Smith

Ami. Smith  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. W. W. Allen

Director of the Mint

Philad.

I have a report as to the value of the foreign  
coin might also be made concerning  
all the other in currency; the length  
of time to make and yours

P.P.S. The dies referred to in yours of the  
12<sup>th</sup>. just received have not come to hand



107.

Treasury Department  
March 15. 1837.

Sir,

I send by this mail a package  
containing a pair of half dollar dies for the Branch  
Mint at N. Orleans - received this morning from  
the Direct of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Alced. Le

Saml B. Anderson  
Sec. of the Treasury

David Bradford Esq  
Sup. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans



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Treasury Department  
6 March 15. 1839.

Sir

In reply to your several communications of the 13<sup>th</sup>, received this morning I have to state:  
1<sup>st</sup> That the draft for \$2000 was remitted to you at the request of the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the purpose of reimbursing the Director about \$2000 which he had paid for the purchase of this Branch and to procure a supply of acids and other material for the Institution. A requisition was made by the Superintendent of the Branch at Dahlonega for \$1200 to be remitted to you - but being informal was returned for correction - as soon as it shall be received in the proper form the draft will be sent.

2<sup>d</sup> In relation to the contemplated increase of the deposit at Dahlonega for the prompt payment of Depositors - I think not, it is apprehended, to be in the power of the Department.



to increase the amount now on deposit in  
that Branch, for some time to come, unless it  
can be spared from the Mint at Philadelphia.

8. As relates to the proposed engagement of the Bank  
of America to procure for the Mint a supply of  
metal for coinage, from Mexico and Central America.  
I can only remark, that as soon as the Board of the  
Treasury will admit, I am willing to place the  
necessary amount of funds in the Mint Bank  
you to enter into such an arrangement. From the  
present appearances, however, that is not likely to  
be the case during the current year. On the  
contrary, so far from being able to increase the  
amount now there - it is probable I shall be compelled,  
however reluctantly, to reduce that amount by  
probably, one or two hundred thousand dollars.

I remain very Respy  
Yours obed. Servt

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.

Genl Woodhew  
Sec of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.



108.

Treasury Department  
March 16. 1889.

Sir

I send by this mail a box containing  
2 pair Quarter Eagle dies - received this morning  
from the Directa of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Geo. S. Huntington  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. P. Macaluso  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
N. Orleans.



109.

Treasury Department  
March 15. 1879.

Sir,

The package, containing dies for the  
New Orleans Branch Mint came to hand this  
morning and will be forthwith forwarded to  
New Orleans.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Albed. S.

Samuel H. Murray  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



109.

Treasury Department  
March 10. 1839.

Sir

The box containing dies for N. Orleans  
and the package containing cancelled certificates for  
Charlotte, N.C., referred to in your communication of  
the 14. have been received and forwarded.

Remain Very Respectfully  
Yours A. A. S.

~~Am. Treasury~~  
Sec. of the Treas.

G. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



109.

Treasury Department  
March 29. 1839.

Sir

I transmit to your address by N. mail a box containing dies for the Branch Mint, received this morning from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt Servt  
Genl. B. M. L. S.  
Sec. of the Treasury.

David Braclene &  
Sup. Br. Mint. N. Albany



(170.)

Treasury Department  
March 21. 1859.

Sir

I transmit herewith Recommendations  
in favor of Thomas D. Murphy for the situation of  
Chief Coiner at the Mint. The President, as you  
will observe by his endorsement, wishes to have your  
report as to the competency of Mr. Murphy to perform  
the duties of the office.

I remain very Respy.  
Yours A. A. S.  
Secy. of the Treasury

G. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.

see your return



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Treasury Department  
March 21. 1839.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your and  
communications of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

No objection is on  
to the course suggested by you for procuring gold for  
pay at the Mint and you are, therefore, authorized  
to request foreign consuls to forward to this Department  
such specimens as you may require and which cannot be  
procured at home. The consuls will receive credit in  
their respective accounts here for the cost of the coins.  
You will be pleased to cause the value of the  
coins heretofore transmitted to the Mint to be  
deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S. in  
special account, in the Merchants Bank.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Alsd. Sir

R. W. Patterson  
Philad.

Samuel M. Jackson  
Sec. of the Treasury



(111)

Massachusetts Department  
March 26: 1839.

Sir

The two to the Grand Mint at  
Sahlerga, transmitted by you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, have been  
received and forwarded.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed: S<sup>t</sup>.

Wm. H. Walling  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. W. W. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



(111.)

Treasury Department  
March 25. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit, by this mail, to your  
address, a box containing two pairs of half-Eagle coins.  
received, this morning, from the Director of the Mint  
at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altho. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Geo. Thompson  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. S. Singleton Esq.  
Dep. Dir. Mint  
Baltimore ~~Philadelphia~~



(116.)

Treasury Department

27th March 1839

Sir,

After you left today I saw in the Globe  
the enclosed article, part of which  
purports to be extracted from a New-York  
paper & contains facts, that seem to cast  
imputation on the promptitude & efficiency of  
the Board of Mint in that city.

I would feel obliged if you will at  
once make the proper enquiries in relation to  
the circumstances that part of the circulation and take  
every suitable step to have that and  
the other branches answer public expectations  
of promptly the general convenience to



for as practicable -

You will please to report the result

when ascertained -

Respectfully Yours

Levi Van Hook

D. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint  
Phil. -



(112.)

Treasury Department  
March 24. 1839

Sir

I transmit by this mail, to your  
address a box containing two pairs of half dime  
dies - received this morning from the Director of  
the Mint at Philadelphia

I remain very respectfully,  
Your Obedt. S.

Samuel Armstrong  
Sec. of the Mint.

David Bradford Esq/  
Sup. of the Mint  
New Orleans



112.

Treasury Department  
March 28. 1839

Sir,

Your communication dated the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.  
has been received - The Box containing clippings  
has been forwarded in compliance with your request

I remain very Respy

Yours Obed. S<sup>vt</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Washington  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. Bradford Esq/  
Dep. Mint -  
N. Orleans.



112.

Treasury Department  
March 28. 1839.

Sir

I transmit by this Mail a  
box containing assay clippings for assay at the  
Mint received, this morning from the Superintendent  
of the Mint at N. Orleans.

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours &c. &c.

Samuel Knapp  
Secy. of the Treasury.

J. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
March 28. 1839.

Sir

In compliance with your request I  
transmit by this mail Pamphlets containing the Acts of  
Congress for the years 1835, 1836 & 1837 -

Mr. Chapin's attention has been called to the subject of  
the weights for the Mint. They will be transmitted to  
you as soon as they can be adjusted.

Remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

David Braaford E  
Sup. Br. Mint  
W. Albany.



113

Treasury Department  
March 16. 1829.

Sir

I transmit by this mail a package  
received from the Director of the Mint at  
Philadelphia directed to you.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. Servt

Samuel B. Whelan  
Secy. of the Treas.

Col. Wm. H. Wheeler  
Charlotte  
N.C.



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Treasury Department  
April 1. 1839.

Sir.

The Department cannot suffer you to retire from the situation of Chief Coiner at the Mint of the United States without expressing its own sense, as well as that of the President of the United States, of the zeal, devotion and ability with which you have conducted the important operations in that establishment committed to your charge - and wishing that in your retirement you may enjoy health and happiness and that contentment, which must arise from the consciousness of a faithful discharge of your duties to the Government thro' a long series of years.

Remain with much respect  
Your Obedt. Servt.

Adam Eckfeldt Jr.  
Late Chief Coiner at the Mint U.S.  
Philadelphia

Samuel M. B. ...  
Secretary of the Treasury



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Treasury Department  
April 6. 1839.

Sir,

In reply to your communication<sup>of the 2<sup>nd</sup></sup> I have to state, that there does not appear to be any objection to the course recommended by you.

The salaries of the officers last appointed cannot commence until their bonds are filed and they enter upon the duties of their respective offices.

It is desirable, that the Department should be regularly apprised of the operations of the Branch Mints. I would therefore, request that you direct at least quarterly statements of the coinage at each of the branches to be furnished to the Department thro' the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy.

Yr Obedt. Se

Secy. Treasury

Sec of the Treas

D. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philad.



113

Treasury Department  
April 6<sup>th</sup> 1839

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained  
in your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ulto, I enclose herewith  
the testimonials in your favor for the appointment  
of Chief Coiner in the Mint at Philadelphia.

I am, Very Respectfully,  
Yr Obedt Servt

James W. Thompson  
Secy. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>

Thomas D. Murphy Esq  
Machinist Old U.S. Mint  
North 7<sup>th</sup> St  
Philadelphia



Treasury Department  
April 8. 1839.

Sir,

In my letter, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo  
reply to yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> of the same month, I stated  
that, as soon as the state of the Treasury would admit  
I would place in the Mint the necessary amount of funds  
to enable you to enter into management proposed by the  
Bank of America for procuring, from abroad, bullion or  
foreign coins for recoinage at the Mint.

It is not probable, however, that the condition of the  
Treasury will for some time to come, be such as to justify  
the Department in making the Deposit with the Mint  
sufficiently large to authorize extensive operations of that  
nature. But it is extremely desirable, that the Mint  
should be kept, if practicable, in constant operation - I would  
therefore, suggest whether it be not in your power, with the  
funds now in the Mint, to procure the an agent in N. York  
and yourself or an agent in Philadelphia such an amount of  
bullion or foreign coins as may be necessary from time  
to time.



time to effect that object in part or entirely.

I remain very Respy.

Your Obedt. Servt

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint.

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



466  
Treasury Department  
April 10. 1839

Sir

Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> and the accounts of the Branch  
Mint at Charlotte have been received and referred  
to the Auditor of the Treasury - Jesse Miller Esq. - to  
which officer you will please hereafter to transmit  
your accounts.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Wm. D.

Sam. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

John H. Wheeler Esq.  
Sup. Br. Mint  
Charlotte N.C.



116.

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

Treasury Department  
April 11. 1839.

Sir

106  
In reply to your communication, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, has been received a statement of the various communications received from Judge Strake, which I enclose to you to return to the Department after being copied.

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D. Patterson's report being marked "confidential" cannot be communicated unless you shall first obtain his consent.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt  
Wm. H. P. 116  
Sec of the Treas.

John H. Wheeler Jr.  
Dep. Pr. Mint  
Charlotte W.C.



116.

Treasury Department  
May 6. 1829.

Sir,

I transmit to your address, by the  
mail two boxes containing dies for the Branch  
Mint at Charlotte N.C. - received this morning  
from the Mint at Philadelphia -

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S.

Samuel M. Smith  
Sec. of the Mint.

J. H. Wheeler Esq.  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
Charlotte N.C.



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Sir:

Treasury Department  
May 10 1859.

In compliance with the suggestion made  
in your letter of the 1st. inst. Mr. Repler has been  
instructed to forward to you the Standard Weight  
intended for the U.S. Mail and Branches with the  
view of having their final adjustment made under  
your directions. It is in this work, which has been  
reported to send the 'improved balance' referred  
to in your letter.

I am Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servant

Saml. Wendell  
Secy. of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Trinity Episcopal  
May 1844

W  
In reply to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. regarding the application for  
leave of absence at the New Orleans Convention I am glad to inform  
the same you suggest and request that a definite and thorough inquiry be  
made, during my absence, into the charges, and a report thereon be made to the  
next meeting of the Synod. I am glad to hear that the same has been done.

Very respectfully  
yours etc. etc.

Wm. W. Phelps  
Secretary of the Synod

Wm. W. Phelps  
Director of the Mission  
1844



117  
Treasury Department  
May 9. 1879.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. I have to state, that I had already received copies of the correspondence from the Director of the Mint who instituted the inquiries at the instance of the Department. It is hoped, that every proper exertion will be made by the officers of the Branch to render its operations as active and useful to the community as practicable.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. S<sup>vt</sup>

Samuel Insull  
Sec. of the Treasury

David Bradburn  
Dep. Dir. Mint  
N. Orleans.



116

Sir:

Treasury Department  
May 10. 1834

Your letter by Mr Joseph Stanton  
dated the 8<sup>th</sup> instant has been received

In regard to the mode of paying for  
the Standard Weights and balance mentioned in  
reference to the act of Congress "establishing a mint  
and regulating the Coins of the U States" approved the  
2<sup>d</sup> of April 1792, that the provisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> section  
are broad enough to justify payment being made  
for them out of money in the Treasury "not otherwise  
appropriated" This course will, therefore, be pursued  
in the case in question -

I am Very Respectly  
Yours Obedt Servant

Saml Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasry

Robert M Patterson Esqr  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>





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Treasury Department  
May 22. 1839

Sir.

I enclose for your information a  
copy of a letter received at the Department this  
morning from R. C. Nicholas Esq.

Very Respectfully

Sam. W. Treasury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

S. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad.



Washington D.C.  
May 25. 1839.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, received, this morning I have to remark, that ~~by~~ the holders of the Mint Certificates, if the Branch cannot have the deposit coined within the period allowed by law, must necessarily wait until it can be done, or they may be allowed to withdraw the bullion or coin deposited by them respectively.

A communication has been addressed by the Department to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia on the subject of the embarrassing delays at your Branch — and in hopes that both at New Orleans and Philadelphia prompt measures will be taken to remedy them, as far as practicable in future. It is not to be expected, however, that the Branch can create more than a reasonable amount of coinage within a given time — and as the deposit with it of more money, by the Department, will not in any degree increase



increase its power or capacity to coin - no further coin  
can be placed at the disposal of the branch until advice  
are received from Philadelphia, <sup>in respect to the measure</sup> as there is already a large  
sum of \$250,000. deposited there. Hereafter when  
bullion is presented for coinage no more must be  
received by the Mint than can, probably, be coined  
within the time prescribed unless the depositors are willing  
to accept their coin, after being notified that they must  
not expect perpetuity. This has been obliged to be done occasion-  
ally at even the Mint in Philadelphia. I remain very Respy.

Yours Obedt. S<sup>r</sup>

Levi Mearns  
Secy of the Treasry.

David Mearns J  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
N. Orleans



121.

Treasury Department  
May 26. 1839.

Sir

As the amount of public money on deposit at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans is so large and, may, probably, be increased, when advice shall have been received from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia on the subject - it has been deemed advisable to have a new bone executed by the Treasurer of the Branch in a penalty somewhat larger than the former one, tho not considered by any means as reasonable or <sup>disproportionate in amount</sup>.

For that purpose I transmit herewith a form of a bone which I will thank you to have executed by the Treasurer and returned to this Department, inserting the date in the proper place & having witnesses with a certificate of the <sup>District Attorney or District Judge as to the sufficiency of the</sup> I transmit by this mail a box received from the Director at Philad<sup>a</sup>. containing two pairs of half demodies -

Very Respectfully

To D. Bradford Esq.

Secy of the Mint

Samuel Wardlaw  
Secy of the Treasury.



122.

Treasury Department,  
May 27 1839.

Mr,

Below you have an extract from a letter  
received from a highly respectable source at New Orleans  
on the subject you were then under enquiry. I have respectfully  
your obedient

Dear Sir,  
Secretary of the Treasury.

P. M. Patterson esq,  
Director of the Mint, Phila

Extract—"I will improve the opportunity which I now have  
in order to expatiate upon a subject which has been of deep interest to  
my fellow citizens of New Orleans; the present condition of the Branch Mint  
in our city; this branch of the public service of the Federal government  
has not answered the anxious expectation of legislation; by some misma-  
nagement, the coinage has been exceedingly short of the wants of the commu-  
nity, only \$200,000 having been coined in the course of the last year and very  
little now doing—the cause of this protraction and bad management  
as I am credibly informed, exists in the difference of opinion between the  
persons employed at the Mint, two of them, the coiners & melters, and Assayer, his  
main antagonists to our population, manifesting a strong hostility towards the western  
manhood and men of the south, are constantly creating difficulties; and cherishing  
an inveterate hostility towards the worthy superintendent of the Mint, who  
possesses an honorable Americanian, whose efforts are constantly paralyzed  
by the hostile measures of these said officers. I feel convinced that none  
but men identified with the institution and population of the South  
should be selected to hold offices in the Branch Mint."



on the subject you now have under enquiry.

Yours &c &c &c  
Dear Sir,  
Secretary of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson esq,  
Director of the Mint, Phila

Extract—"I will improve the opportunity, which I now have in order to expatiate upon a subject which has been of deep interest to my fellow citizens of New Orleans; the present condition of the Branch Mint in our city; this branch of the public service of the Federal government has not answered the anxious expectation of Louisiana; by some mismanagement, the coinage has been exceedingly short of the wants of the community, only \$20,000 having been coined in the course of the last year and very little now doing—the cause of this protraction and bad management, as I am credibly informed, exists in the difference of opinion between the persons employed at the Mint, two of them, the coiners & melters, and Refiners, being men strangers to our population, manifesting a strong hostility towards the merchants and men of the south, are constantly creating difficulties; and cherishing an inveterate hostility towards the worthy superintendent of the Mint, Mr. Bradford, an honorable Louisianian, whose efforts are constantly paralyzed by the hostile measures of these said officers. I feel convinced that none but men identified with the institution and population of the South should be selected to hold offices in the Branch Mint."



123

Treasury Department

May 24. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail - a box  
said to contain 2 pairs of demo dies for your branch -  
which were received this morning from the Director of  
the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours obed. S<sup>t</sup>

Saml Bradford  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. Bradford Esq  
Sup. of the Mint  
N. Orleans



123.

Treasury Department  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir

I transmit the enclosed recommending  
for your consideration, in the event of a new appointment  
being made of a Coiner at the Branch Mint at  
New Orleans.

I remain very Respy  
Yrs Obedt. Se  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. P. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



123

Treasury Department

May 31. 1839.

Sir

I transmit by this mail a box said  
to contain assay pieces taken from Standard Gold & Silver Ingots  
in the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, received at the Department  
this morning from N. Orleans.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Se

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. R. M. Patterson -

Director of the Mint Philad<sup>a</sup>.



124.

.. ..  
.. .. Treasury Department

.. .. June 5. 1899.

.. Sir.

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.. .. Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. by registered mail has this morning come to hand. The letter from this Department dated the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. a copy of which is enclosed has, as this I presume been received by you.

By that letter you will receive that you are authorized to return foreign coin or bullion deposited at the branch - if the holders of the certificate cannot conveniently wait till it can be received - then any further trouble and delay will be avoided - and you are, also, required, when bullion is offered, not to receive more than can be, probably coined, within the period allowed - unless it be convenient for the parties to await their turn.

In the mean<sup>time</sup>, I have no doubt that all will be done by you in the way of prompt coinage which the power and organization of the Mint will permit - and every obstacle in the



the way of efficient operation be removed or lessened as early as practicable. The community, however, have no right to expect that a very considerable amount of small coins can be coined within a short period, at so small an establishment - and cannot, even, be accomplished at the mint in Philadelphia. But they have a right to expect, and I hope they will not be disappointed, that all reasonable exertions will be used to coin as many pieces within a given period, as is usually done at any other similar establishment.

I remain very Respy

Yours Obed. Servt

Saml Washington  
Secy of the Treasry.

David Frazer &

Sup. Pr. Mint. Hallam,



125.

Treasury Department

June 5. 1839.

Sir,

Your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant has been received. You have, no doubt, ere this been apprised, that the Directors of the Mint has caused an enquiry into the difficulties at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans to be made by the District Att. so that all parties will have an opportunity to be heard impartially.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

David Macafee J.

Sub. Dir. Mint N. Orleans



125.

Treasury Department  
June 5. 1839

Sir,

I received this day your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
requesting the sum of \$ 30,000 to be remitted on ac-  
count of certain appropriations for the Branch Mint  
at New Orleans, & in reply have to state, that a warrant  
will issue this day in favor of Mr. Forstell the Treasurer  
as follows.

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| for building Br. Mint<br>at New Orleans.             | 5000 |
| Salaries of Officers                                 | 2500 |
| Compensation to<br>Laborers.                         | 2500 |
| Wastage of Gold<br>& Silver & Contingent<br>Expenses | 5000 |

\$ 15,000

It is material to remark, that by a rule of the  
President's, advances are not made beyond the  
amount, which may be necessary to meet the actual  
demands for payment, which it is estimated will  
be presented within 30 days ensuing after the  
funds are obtained. I wish, therefore, a careful esti-  
mate of the amounts required to accompany your  
request for advances, & if, upon receiving this sum of  
\$ 15,000 & informing me that the balance asked for  
will be required within 30 days, I shall with-  
out any further delay give immediate attention to the subject.



Very Respectfully Sir  
I remain Your Obedt. Servt.

Samuel W. Woodbury  
Secretary of the Treasury

David Bradford Esq.

Superintendent, U. S.

Branch Mint

New Orleans

It is material to remark, that before any of the  
Presidents, or papers are not made beyond the  
amount of gold money necessary to meet the  
demands for payment of the national debt,  
the President within 30 days following after the  
funds are obtained, I wish, through the careful  
watch of the amounts required to accompany you  
regarding a statement of the amount received, that  
of \$1,000,000, by the 1st of the last month  
will be required, within 30 days, to meet the  
demands for the national debt.



126

Treasury Department  
June 5. 1839.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 4<sup>th</sup> instant has been received. If there be the slightest doubt on your mind as to the correctness of the Treasurer's accounts, or to the balances of coins and bullion on hand, I will thank you, at once, to call the attention of the District Attorney to the subject, that they may be particularly examined in connection with his other enquiries. I remain very Respy

Yours Obedt. &c.

Samuel B. Knapp  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



Treasury Department

June 13 1839

Sir

The Director of the Mint of Philadelphia has been consulted in relation to the extra charges by the contractors for building the Branch mint at New Orleans by a communication received from Mr. Patterson, this morning it would seem that the alterations in the original plan of the Building which were submitted to and approved by the Department in December 1835 were such as would evidently have diminished the cost of the building. The principal alteration was in the Easton wing. by dispensing with the grained masonry and furnaces with which it was by the first plan to be fitted up and having it prepared merely as a residence for the superintendent. The Director expresses his great surprise at the information received by him lately that the East wing was executed according to both plans first conforming to one & then altering to the other from



which it would seem that there was  
a great misunderstanding on the part of  
General Gordon as to the instructions received  
by him this increased and unnecessary  
expenditure under all the circumstances  
is very much to be regretted and the  
more so that should it be allowed by  
the Department it could not be paid  
out of the funds already appropriated for  
building the New Orleans Branch ~~mint~~  
but ~~not~~ must wait probably for a new  
appropriation. The only course left therefore  
for the Department to pursue is to submit  
the matter to Congress at the next session  
and to make application <sup>for a new appropriation</sup> for the  
of paying the Contractors bill.

I remain very respectfully  
your Obedient  
L. v.

David Bradford Esq  
Subj: Branch Mint New Orleans

Secretary of the Treasury



128.

Treasury Department  
June 19. 1839.

Sir

The enclosed Bond, received this morning  
from the Treasurer of the Branch-Mint at N. Orleans is  
transmitted for your approval, as required by the 3<sup>d</sup> sect.  
of the Act of 3<sup>d</sup> March 1835. To establish branches of the Mint  
of the U. States.

I remain very Respy  
Yrs. Alid. &c  
Geo. Thompson  
Sec. of the Treas.

P.S. The former bond was only for \$10,000 - & in one respect was found  
to be informal - so that a new one was requested and  
in a larger amount.

L. W.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



128.

Treasury Department  
June 19. 1839.

Sir,

Your communication of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant enclosing the Bond of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint has been received and the Bond has been transmitted to the Director of the Mint for his approval, as required by the Act establishing the Branch Mints.

In reply to your enquiry I can only say that the bond must probably be considered as in addition to the former one - but in any event the former one like other official bonds must remain on file.

I remain very Truly  
Yours Altho. &c  
Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

David Bradford Esq  
Sup. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans.



129

Treasury Department  
July 10, 1894.

Si

Your communication of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June has been received and I have only to say, in reply, that the Government drafts being payable in specie, when required by the holder, cannot, without the consent of the Department, be cashed below par.

Yours truly,  
J. D. Singletary

Sec. of the Dept.

J. D. Singletary  
Sup. of Mint  
Washington



129

Treasury Department  
July 31 1839.

Sir.

Your communication of the 20<sup>th</sup>  
ultimo has been received. A copy of it has been  
sent to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia  
with a letter of which a copy is enclosed.

I remain very Respy

Yrs. &c.

Wm. B. Ewing  
Sec. of the Treas'y.

J. Bradford Esq.  
Superintendent of the Branch Mint  
N. Orleans.



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Treasury Department  
July 2. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed, a copy of a letter  
received this morning, from the Superintendent of the  
Branch Mint at New Orleans - and have only to request  
that you will take all further appropriate steps in addition  
to what has already been done, to remedy the inconveniences  
arising from delay and to meet, as far as reasonable, the  
public expectations.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Wm. A. R.  
Secy. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad. &c.



Mint Record

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Treasury Department  
July 26. 1839.

Sir

I transmit by this mail a package  
containing 10 specimens of the Coins of the Netherlands - viz.  
2 of Gold - 5 of Silver and 3 of Copper -

These Coins  
were transmitted to the Department by the Collr. of New  
York, to whom they were sent by the Ad. Consul at  
Amsterdam.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Se  
Saml Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury.

M. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



131

Treasury Department  
August 5<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir,

I transmit, enclosed, a copy of letter received, this morning, from Jacob Barker Esq. and will thank you to call on the proper officers of the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the necessary explanation.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Alsat. L

Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. W. M. Patterson Director  
of the Mint  
Philad



130

Dunsmuir Depot  
August 21. 1837

Sir,

Your communication of the 17th ult.

I have not been able to write  
for some time as I have been at  
W. A. L. which I will thank you to forward to me  
with the necessary instructions as to his land (as far as  
which is also enclosed) and as to the manner of keeping  
and rendering his accounts, which matters will be  
I have been to render proper as they are coming, and  
I trust, you will be pleased to accept of a return for  
contribution. I also write to the President of the  
I remain very respectfully  
Yours. Wm. D. D.

Sam. Howard  
Sec. of the Dunsmuir.

P. R. W. Patterson  
Sinec. of the Mint  
Philad.



131

Treasury Department  
August 9. 1889.

Sir,

Your communication of the 7<sup>th</sup> has been received.  
I will thank you to take such further steps as are suitable and  
necessary to ascertain if any theft has been committed, and if any  
by whom. Should it <sup>appear</sup> to be by any person employed about  
the Mint at St. Louis, no matter how small the amount, an  
example must be made of him both by dismission and prosecution.

I remain very Respy  
Y<sup>rs</sup> Obedt. Se

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



131

Treasury Department  
August 9. 1889.

Sir,

In reply to your communication dated the 1<sup>st</sup> instant I have only to remark, that as the account for public moneys on deposit with the Branch Mint at Dahlonega has been opened on your books with the Treasurer of the U. S. A., no transfer will be necessary - Now will it be necessary for you to make the entries required by the Circular from the Department of June 1887 unless drafts should be drawn by the Treasurer for any portion of the amount to his credit.

I remain very Respy

Yours Obedt. S.

~~Very~~ ~~much~~ ~~very~~  
Sec. of the Treas.

Jos. D. Singleton  
Sub. Dir. Mint  
Dahlonega.



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Treasury Department  
August 12. 1839.

Sir

I transmit, to your address, by  
this Mail a small package received from  
the Consul of the State at Hamburg, purporting  
to contain duplicate Silver Coins of Hamburg.

Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> containing a statement of  
the operations of the Branch Mint for the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
quarter of this year has been received.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt.

Wm. B. Ewing  
Secy. of the Treasry.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Phila<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
August - 17. 1839.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing  
two half dollars of the new impression, which are  
approved of - and in exchange for which, I send you  
enclosed, two halves of the old impression.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Sam<sup>l</sup> Jackson  
Sec. of the Treas.

Dr. W. M. Patterson.  
Director of the Mint.  
Philadelphia



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Treasury Department  
August 20. 1834.

Sir,

Your communication of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. and  
the accompanying papers have been received and shall  
receive careful consideration in the event of a change  
in the Pr. Mint.

I remain very Resp<sup>ly</sup>  
Yrs. Albed. S

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

David Prosser Jr.  
Sup. French Mint  
N. Orleans.



133

Treasury Department  
August 22. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit for your examination a communication received from the Comptroller of the Treasury on the subject of the coinage accounts rendered by the Branch Mints.

You will be pleased to give the requisite instructions to the several Superintendants and to return the Comptroller's letter to this office

I remain very Respy  
Your Obedt. Servt

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>







133

Treasury Department  
August 26 1839.

You favor asking a remittance of \$12,000 for the salaries of officers & expenditures of the Branch that is wanted, and will be attended to in a few days, there being at present some legal difficulty in the way.

I am very respectfully  
Yours M. Lusk

D. Bradford Esq  
Superintendent  
Br. Am.  
New York

Saml. Wendell Esq  
Vice President of the Treasury



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Treasury Department  
August 20. 1839.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a communication,  
received this morning, from N. Orleans, to which  
I beg leave to call your attention - that such <sup>proper</sup> measures  
may be taken as may be deemed expedient & proper  
I remain very Respectfully  
Yours Altho. &c

Wm. A. R. R.  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. D. M. Patterson  
Inspector of Mint Philad<sup>a</sup>

P.S. I also enclose a dup. of a letter addressed to you by the Com<sup>r</sup>  
of the U.S. at Hamburg.



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Treasury Department  
August 24. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit for your examination  
a letter received from Messrs. De Rhams & Brown N. York  
and the notes and description of the Machine referred  
to. I will thank you to give the subject your careful  
consideration and to communicate the result to Messrs.  
De R. & B.

I remain very Respy  
Yrs. Obedt. J. R.

Samuel C. Young  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Philad.<sup>a</sup>



134

Treasury Department  
August 29. 1839

Sir,

I transmit enclosed, a letter received this morning from the Post-Master at Dahlonega preferring charges against the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega.

You will be pleased to call on Mr. Singleton for his explanation, and if they do not prove satisfactory, to cause affidavits to be taken on both sides, with notice to both parties - so that you may be able to report to the Department whether any just cause exists for a change or

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt.

Wm. W. Lewis  
Sec. of the Treas.

M. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



135

Treasury Department  
September 10. 1839.

Mint

Sir,

In compliance with the suggestion contained in your communication of the 6<sup>th</sup> the Comptroller of the Treasury has been requested to transmit to you the coinage and bullion accounts of the Branch Mints, that are not in a satisfactory form and to point out to you wherein they are deficient.

The object in requiring these accounts to be rendered to the Department this year is merely that you may see that they are made out in conformity to the instructions given by you, and not for the purpose of having them audited by you.

I enclose for your examination a recommendation in favor of M. E. P. Barton as Melter and Refiner at N. Orleans in place of M. Maxwell.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. S

Saml Wm. McKim  
Sec. of the Treasury

W. D. M. Patterson  
Philadelphia



135

Treasury Department  
Sept. 12. 1839

Sir,

Your communication of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst.  
have been received and your views as expressed  
in both are approved.

I remain very Resp<sup>y</sup>  
Yr<sup>rs</sup> Altd. S<sup>r</sup>

*Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury*  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

J<sup>r</sup>. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



135

Masonry Department  
Sept. 16. 1839.

Sir,

The enclosed letter received from  
Jacob Barker Jr. is referred to you at his request.

A letter received from Dr. Hart this morning, dated  
the 8th instant contains the melancholy information of the  
death of W. Tyler the Crime of the Po. Mint at N. Orleans.

I will thank you to recommend a suitable receipt.  
after due enquiry.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altho. &

Wm. W. W. W.  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



136

Treasury Department.  
September 20. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed a communication addressed to you by the Consul of the U.S. at Hamburg. The key referred to is also transmitted to you address by this mail.

I remain very Respy.  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Saml. Wendland  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint.



136

Treasury Department  
Sept. 23. 1839.

Sir

Enclose for your examination two  
communications from Jacob Barker of N. Orleans - one  
addressed to the President and one to this Department.

I also send by this mail to your address a packet received  
from the Consul of the U. States at St. Petersburg.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. Serv.

Saml. W. H. H. H.  
Secy. of the Treas.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



136

Treasury Department  
Octob: 8<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir,

I received yesterday your letter of the  
26<sup>th</sup> ult., & in reply to that part of it, which refers to the  
remittance requested by Mr. Bradford in his letter of the  
17<sup>th</sup> August last, have to remark, that as soon as I am  
informed that a properly executed Bond for the discharge  
of your trust, has been received by the Comptroller of  
the Treasury immediate attention will be given to the  
subject.

Very Respectfully Sir,  
I remain Your Obedt. Servt.

Jam: Wadsworth  
Secretary of the Treasury

W. C. Crammack Esq.  
Treasurer R. I. Bk. & Mint  
New-Orleans.



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Treasury Department  
October 11. 1839.

Sir,

As the day is near at hand, on which it is proposed to resume operations at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, it is desirable that the vacancies in that institution should be filled as soon as practicable - viz. that of Coiner, and Melter and Refiner.

I beg to call your attention to this subject and to request that you will, as soon as you have come to any conclusion ~~on the subject~~, present to the Department the names of such persons as are best qualified to fill these offices, that the Commission may be at once issued.

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. S.

Saml. W. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

P.S. I should be pleased to have your views as to the propriety of changing the Superintendent - & to have all the recommendations that have been sent to you concerning any of these officers.  
D. R. W. Patterson }  
Directors of the Mint }  
Philadelphia }

A. W.



137

Treasury Department  
October 19. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit to your address by this day's mail a package presumed to contain Belgian coins forwarded by Mr. Baker the Consul at Antwerp. Did you receive a similar package forwarded from N. York, or here, a few days ago?

I also send a communication presumed to contain a description of Danish Coins sent to you by the mail of yesterday.

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

Levi Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury

J. W. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



138

Treasury Department  
October 16. 1839.

Sir

I transmit to your address by this mail  
a small package containing Bavarian Coins & remain  
Very Respectfully  
Yours Alas &c

Levi Van Dusen  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint.  
Philad.



138

Treasury Department  
October 19. 1839.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained  
in the note to your communication of the 17<sup>th</sup>. I enclose  
the report of W. Slidell - a duplicate being on file in  
this office.

I transmit, also, a copy of a letter received  
from W. Robinson at Hamburg - with the Capt's receipt  
attached to. One parcel, only, has come to hand, which is  
sent to your address by this mail.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obed. S<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> W. Smith  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

J. W. M. Patterson.

Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



138

Treasury Department

October 15. 1839

Sir

The President has, this day, directed the following appointments to be made of Officers of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.. Vizt.

Joseph M. Kennedy to be Superintendent, in the place of Mr. Bradford <sup>superseded.</sup>

Dr. John S. Riedel to be Melter & Refiner and

Philo B. Taylor to be Chief Coiner -

The Commissions will be made out and transmitted to New Orleans as soon as practicable - and I will thank you to give the necessary instructions to the officers appointed, in relation to their bonds & the manner of keeping their accounts &c

I remain very Respy  
Yr Obed. Serv

R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad

Secy, Treasury  
Sec. of the Treas. over.



139

Treasury Department  
October 21. 1839.

Sir,

It appears from the Records in the Department of State, that Governor Findlay received a temporary Commission as Treasurer of the Mint in 1830. He was nominated to the Senate at its next session and his appointment confirmed but it does not appear that a permanent commission was issued to him. At least, no evidence of it is given in the State Department. A commission will probably be transmitted to him to day, and, as the bond given by him under the temporary commission <sup>may</sup> be probably <sup>be</sup> not <sup>now</sup> <sup>considered</sup> <sup>as</sup> operative, it is necessary that he should forthwith enter into another and I will thank you, on the receipt of this to institute an examination into his books and cash accounts in order that the amount of his liabilities when the new bond is executed, may be ascertained and reported here.

I remain very Respy.  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Levi Wadsworth  
Sec. of the Treasury

W. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



139.

Treasury Department  
September 13. 1839.

Sir.

I transmit by this mail - a package containing Russian Coins received from the Consul of the U. States at St. Petersburg and I enclose herewith the communication received from the Consul in relation to them.

I also enclose a communication addressed to you by the Consul of the U. S. at Kingston Jamaica containing Coins.

As the Consuls can get a credit in their accounts <sup>for the value of the coins sent by them</sup> here only by a deposit to the order of the Treasurer of the U. States of the amount of their cost - I would suggest the propriety of your making the deposit, in these and other cases, out of the contingent fund of the Mint - said fund to be reimbursed when the value of the coin shall have been ascertained by assay.

I remain very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Saml Woodhull  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. P. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



140.

Treasury Department  
October 25. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit to your address by this mail  
two packages containing foreign coins.

Your requisition dated the 25<sup>th</sup> in favor of the Treasurer  
of the Mint for \$25,000, was duly received. The remittance  
cannot be made until Mr. Winchell shall have given a bond as  
required by law - and a commission which will, probably, be  
transmitted to him by this days mail - the State Department not being  
yet able to find <sup>any traces of</sup> the former commission or bonds  
under that prominent appointment.

I remain very respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Saml. Woodhull  
Secy of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson  
Philad.



140.

Treasury Department  
October 30. 1839.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
your several communications of the 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

On reference to the records in the Department of State  
it appears that W. Eckfeldt the assayer received a permanent  
commission in 1832 - his bond is on file - The Chief Clerk and  
Melter and Refiner were commissioned during the present recess  
and have filed their Bonds. no new ones will be necessary  
till they have new commissions. I trust the Treasury bond will  
be executed & presented early as possible - on account of the correct  
progress of public business.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obed. S<sup>vt</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson.  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



141.

Treasury Department

4th. Dec. 1839.

Sir,

In consequence of a transfer from the Citizens Bank having been completed, which was postponed, some of the Treasurer's drafts on that institution may reach it, after the public funds are exhausted - Should that be the case, which, however, is not very probable, I wish to present unobscured to the holders of the drafts, & have, therefore, requested the Bank to refer them to you for payment, which you are hereby requested & authorized to make, out of the \$132,000 deposited in the mint by the Treasurer - You will of course see, that the drafts are genuine & drawn by the Treasurer on the Citizens Bank. You will take a receipt for the amount paid & after cancelling the drafts return them here as vouchers to be at once paid to your credit.

Respectfully,

Jas. Venable  
Secy of Tr.

Treasurer of Branch Mint at New Orleans.



142.

Treasury Department  
Oct. Nov. 1839.

Sir,

Your report on the charges against Genl. Singleton,  
the Director of the Mint at Dahlburg, has been  
received with the accompanying documents.

The President instructs me to say, that on the first  
charge if the case has been correctly stated as your in-  
vestigation shows gain, the affair may properly be regarded  
as an embezzlement. But if <sup>it has</sup> not <sup>been</sup> gain, it is to be considered in all  
cases from the charge of the claimant, the government should  
be credited with any apparent gain, received by the  
Director on the payment of depreciated paper to them,  
instead of specie with officials, to which they were entitled.  
On the second charge, the President regrets,  
that the best terms for the contract were not



assisted by public subscription or just notice - as the  
the bank building, completed or unfinished, and not having  
been employed - But no witness or good evidence seems  
apparent at the course pursued, though the salary  
paying of him to the contractor by the Govern-  
ment was important, as exposing him to suspi-  
cions & imputations - however innocent he may be  
in the transaction -

The kind change is denied or against the  
payment of depreciated paper - Otherwise the difference  
between that of specie should be paid to the claimant  
under the distinction given in 1838 on the matter  
of the first change - But if the paper paid away was at  
par in Dahlroga - & the drafts were sold above par,  
the difference must be credited to the bank's bill  
and not retained by the Superintendent.

Such opinion cannot be his condition in consulting  
not only my real energy - but the appearance of it and  
in obtaining information from you respecting the proper  
course to pursue in any new or questionable matter before  
he proceeds to act finally upon it. His private conduct  
and credit for his energy must be in all cases kept separate from  
the public business, with respect to same - - You are requested to communicate  
a copy of his letter to Genl. Bingham with some other



suggested, & immediately as being offered to aid him in  
his official duties, and to assure him, that if his intentions were  
not believed to have been pure, the President would at  
once accede to his request for a further investigation.

But on the point now before him, it is not considered, that  
the public interest requires the expense of it to be incurred,  
at this time.

Respectfully Yours

Saml. Woodbury

Robt. M. Patterson Esq.

Secretary of the Mint

Philad.



143.

Treasury Department  
November 9. 1839

Sir,

Referring to your communication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. I have to regret that it is found, on enquiry that no payment can be made for services after the death of an Officer unless by the special authority of Congress.

I remain very Resp<sup>tly</sup>  
Yours (llc)<sup>d</sup> S

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

Dr. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



143.

Treasury Department  
Nov. 11. 1839.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bond, this morning, which being satisfactory has been filed in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury. A warrant has been issued in your favor for \$25,000 - ~~by which~~ the draft will be immediately transmitted to you on the Collector at Philadelphia for the amount.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. ~~Se~~

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Wm. Dimalay &  
Co. Minr  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



144.

Treasury Department  
November 11. 1839.

Sir,

I have received your communication of the 8<sup>th</sup> and ninth inst. The drafts for the amount of your requisition will be made on the Collectr of Philadelphia. -

I shall, however, probably, find it necessary to draw others on the Mint, to about the amount of ~~one~~ \$200,000 - I will draw as lightly as possible ~~from~~

Very Respectfully

Samuel B. May  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



144.

Treasury Department

November 13. 1890

Sir,

I transmit by this mail, to your  
address - 2 packages containing Coins received from the  
Consulate at Siebow - together with several communications  
in relation to them.

Very Respectfully

Samuel Washington  
Secretary of the Treasury

J. W. M. Palmer

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



145.

Treasury Department.  
November 19. 1839

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. I have to state, that a Warrant has, this day, issued in favor of Horace C. Cammack, Treasurer, on account of Building & Machinery Br. Mint at New Orleans for \$3500 - A Warrant issued on the 14<sup>th</sup> ulto in favor of Mr. Cammack, chargeable to appropriations for that Branch of the Mint, as follows.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Salaries<br>Officers &c                                      | 3.225  |
| Compensa-<br>tion labor-<br>ers                              | 4.500  |
| Wastage<br>of Gold &<br>Silver and<br>Contingent<br>Expenses | 4.275. |

Before issuing a warrant for the other sums, requested in your letter, I have to ask, whether they will be required, in addition, to the \$12,000 transmitted on the 14<sup>th</sup> ulto. Immediately, upon receiving your reply, attention will be given to the subject.

Very Respectfully Sir,  
Your Obedt. Servt.

Joseph M. Kennedy Esq  
Superintendent  
U. S. Br. Mint  
New Orleans

Saml. Woodbury  
Secretary of the Treasury



145.

Treasury Department  
Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. and of the accounts of the Branch  
Mint at N. Orleans which accompanied it.

The accounts  
have been referred to the proper officer of the Department  
for examination.

I remain very Respy  
your Obedt. Servt

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

H. C. Cammack &  
Sr. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans.



146.

Treasury Department  
November 23. 1839.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> with the Bond and oath of  
office of Joseph M. Kennedy, as Superintendent of the  
Branch Mint at N. Orleans -

Referring to my communication of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult.  
I have to request that you will report, at as early a period  
as practicable, to this Department, the result of the examination  
requested by that letter.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>r</sup>

Jas. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson.



146.

Treasury Department  
Nov. 30. 1839

Sir,

Your communication enclosing the bill from Horatio Davis for his services during the investigation at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, has been received.

In reply I have to remark, that a compensation, which appears to you to be reasonable should be paid out of the Mint funds on which it would seem to form a proper charge.

Should your means not be, at present, sufficient it will be advisable to ask for an additional term next year to enable you to pay what may seem just & proper.

I remain very Respy

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Anderson  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



147.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 21. 1839.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. and in reply I can only say, that I shall draw on the Mint for as little as possible and hope not to exceed the amount of coins on hand if the coinage be pushed. To transfer more money to the Mint, when the means of the Department are so small would create dissatisfaction and trouble.

I transmit enclosed an account for the freight of some boxes, containing coins for the Mint transmitted by Mr. Bedient to the Department of State. Mr. B. has been informed that it would be paid by you.

I remain very Respy

J. B. M. Patterson  
Clerk of the Mint - Philad.

Samuel Washington  
Secretary of the Treasury.



147

Treasury Department  
Dec. 5. 1839.

Sir,

The Collector of Philadelphia has been, this day, requested to deposit in the Mint \$30,000 of the money in his hands, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. States. You will, of course, not look upon this deposit as likely to be <sup>very</sup> permanent - though it may remain several months. It was stated by you in a communication to this Department, some time since, that the British Sovereign passed current at a fraction more than its actual value as ascertained by repeated assays made at the Mint. Arthur has become so important a coin in the circulation of this Country and is frequently received in payment of duties at the Custom Houses. I would suggest whether it would not be well to recommend to Congress a Revision of the Law of 1834 - so far as relates to the Sovereign and I shall be glad to have your views on the subject - either embodied in your next general Report.



report or in any manner you may prefer.

I remain very Respy.

Your Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. M<sup>rs</sup>  
Secy of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

J. R. M. Patterson

Philad<sup>a</sup>.

P.S. The above sum of \$30,000. to be placed to the account kept under the provision of the Act of Congress of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1836 Sect. 12. entitled "An Act to regulate the deposits of the public Money."



148.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 7. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a package  
received from the State's consulate at Leipzig containing  
coins - accompanied by a "Statement on the legal regulations  
of the coinage in the Kingdom of Saxony."

I remain very Respy  
Yours Alw. De

Samuel H. Sill  
Sec. of the Treasury.

S. W. M. Patterson  
Philad.



148.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 9. 1839.

Sir

A draft for \$1400 on the Post Master at New Orleans was transmitted to you by the Treasurer of the U.S. a few days.

You will <sup>please</sup> to open, a special account as a depository of the public money, with the Treasurer of the U.S., and credit that account with the amount of the draft, when collected, as a deposit by Jas. W. Breckinridge late Coll. of the Customs at N. Orleans, and to transmit the account, at once, to the Treasurer U.S. The amount will then be covered into the Treasury and a transfer draft issued to place it to the account opened under the provision of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sect. of the Act of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1833 entitled An Act to regulate the deposits of the public money.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altho. Serv

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. C. Carmack  
Treasurer of the Branch Mint  
N. Orleans.



149

Treasury Department  
Dec. 9. 1839.

Sir

The Act of Congress of 23.<sup>rd</sup> of June 1836.  
authorises the President to transfer to the Mint public money  
for supplying metal for coining.

In order that the  
forms of the law may be complied with - you will please  
request the Treasurer of the Mint to open a special account  
as a depository of the public money, with the Treasurer of  
the U.S. and to credit the Treasurer U.S. in that account  
with the \$30,000 deposited by the Collr. of Philadelphia and  
the \$3000 as a deposit by James W. Breckinridge late Collector  
of N. Orleans. He will please to transmit to the Treasurer  
at once, the account showing these credits - the amount will  
then be covered by warrant and a transfer draft will be  
issued to place it to the account opened under the provision  
of the 12.<sup>th</sup> Sect. of the Act above referred to.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



149.

Treasury Department  
December 10. 1839.

Sir,

I learn from a communication received this morning from N. Orleans, that the operations of the Branch Mint at that place are still suspended in consequence of the absence of the Melter and Refiner lately appointed. As it appears to be quite uncertain when that officer may be expected to enter on the duties of his office - permit me to enquire whether some arrangement cannot be made so that the operation of the Mint may be carried on without waiting longer for his arrival.

If not, should not another person be appointed? I am, Sir, very Respy

Yrs Obedt Servt

Samuel Wardlaw  
Asst Secy of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



150.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 18. 1839.

Sir,

I transmit by this Mail to your  
address - a box received this morning from the Branch  
Mint at N. Orleans. contents not known.

Very Respectfully

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Treasury Department  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 19. 1839.

Sir,

On examination of the accounts, lately transmitted to the Department by Col Jew, the Commissioner for superintending the erection of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, there appears to be due to Messrs Tinsley and Downs, the Contractors for the erection of the building, including their bill for extra work, between \$19 & \$20,000. Of this sum there is, to be accounted for by Col Jew after deducting his Commission on the amount disbursed by him, about \$5,000. - of this amount Col. J. states, that he has paid a part to the Contractors and alleges that he is bound to pay for them about \$2,000 more. This would leave to be paid from the Treasury to Messrs Tinsley and Downs between \$14 & \$15,000.

Referring to the state of the appropriation for the building, with the view of transmitting the balance appearing to be due, it is discovered that, at the close of the last year, the balance of the appropriation unexpended, and which had been appropriated more than <sup>without having properly called for</sup> two years, had been carried by direction of the Comptroller to the surplus fund, as required by law. This leaves only \$2,000 to the debit of the appropriation and applicable to the payment of the Contractor's account. You will receive, by this mail, the Treasurer's draft for \$2,000, which I will thank you to pay over to Messrs Tinsley and Downs - take their receipt and transmit it to the Department.

The attention of the Com. of Finance in the Senate and of the Com.



Com. of Ways & Means of the House has been called to the subject and I have urged the appropriation, at as early a day as practicable, of a sufficient to pay the accounts.

I will thank you, in the mean time, to confer with Col Jew and the Contractors and ascertain how their accounts stand, that the proper sum may be remitted to each as soon as the necessary appropriation shall be made. You will please also to state whether, in your opinion, the contract has been fully complied with by Messrs. Finley and Towns and whether the bill for extra work is reasonable and should be allowed and to state the objections to the settlement of their accounts if any exist.

I remain very Obedt  
Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Saml Wadsworth

Sec. of the Treasury.

J. D. Singleton  
Sup. Br. Minn. Dahlengas  
J. D.



Treasury Department  
Dec. 20. 1839.

Sir,

In consequence of the great delay in the transmission of your accounts as Commissioner to superintend the erection of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, the Department <sup>has been</sup> prevented, for the present, from paying <sup>most of</sup> the bal. which may be due from the Treasury to Messrs. Dinsley & Downs the Contractors for erecting the building. This is in consequence of the balance of the appropriation unexpended at the close of 1838 - and which had there been more than two years appropriated, having been by the direction of the Comptroller carried to the surplus fund, thus placing it beyond the control of the Department and leaving only \$2000 - which could be applied to the payment of the Contractors account. <sup>unless the Comptroller on further consideration can render the balance available</sup> A draft has been transmitted to Mr. Langletton for \$2000, which he has been requested to pay over to Messrs. Dinsley & Downs - and I have to call your attention to the fact which appears from your own statement, that there has been in your hands for a long time passed upwards of \$5000 unaccounted for - Of this sum you allege to have paid a part to the Contractors and state, that you are bound to pay for them upwards of \$4000 more. It is very desirable that any balance in your hands be paid <sup>immediately with</sup> over to Messrs. Dinsley & Downs and I have to request that it be forthwith done - and the necessary vouchers sent to the Auditor of the Treasury. I shall send to the Contractors the next sum as practicable - though a new appropriation will be necessary for the additional work - if not for the rest. } I remain very Resptly  
Jas. Woodbury  
Secy. of the Treasury

Jas. A. Dix Esq.  
Carlington  
Ga.



152.

Treasury Department  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 21. 1839.

Sir,

The box referred to in your communication  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant was duly received and forwarded to the  
Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Altd. Sir

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

Wm. M. Kennedy &  
Sup. Pr. Mint - N. Albany



153.

Treasury Department  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 23. 1839.

Sir,

You will receive by this, at the next mail, the Draft of the Treasurer of the United States for \$11,094.17 - which appears, by the statement rendered by Col Jew the Commissioner to superintend the erection of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, to be the balance to be paid from the Treasury to the Contractor for building said Branch. A statement of the account is annexed and I will thank you, if after conferring with the Contractor, you shall find it to be correct, to pay over the balance, take the necessary receipts and transmit <sup>directly</sup> to the Department. As the appropriation is exhausted, it will be necessary to ask for an additional one to pay the bill for extra work - if allowed.

Very Respectfully

Jesse Woodhull  
Sec<sup>y</sup>. of the Treasury.J. S. Singleton Esq -  
Sup. Br. Mint Dahlonega.

Due to the Contractor as stated by Col Jew, including bill for extra work - \$19,719.50  
 of this sum, there is in the hands of Col Jew after deducting \$334.78.  
 his Commission on money disbursed by him \$555.83  
 Debit Bill for extra work 1,569.50  
 Warrant in your fav. remitted 20.00  
 Draft now remitted 11,094.17  
 \$19,719.50



153.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 27. 1859.

Sir

I transmit by this mail to your  
address, a package received from the Branch Mint at Dahlonega,  
containing, for assay, 13 pieces of Gold Coin, amounting to \$7<sup>10</sup>/<sub>16</sub>.  
Very Respectfully

Saml. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad. ?



154.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 30. 1839.

Sir

Advers of the 24<sup>th</sup> enclosing the Bond of T. B. L.  
Riddell - Melted & refined of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans has been received  
and the bond filed with the Comptroller.

I send by this mail  
a package of coins received from the Branch Mint at Dahlonega,  
to your address -

Very Respectfully  
Yours Altho. J.

Saml. Wardlaw  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad. .



154

Treasury Department  
Decr. 31. 1839.

Sir

I transmit by this mail to your  
address a package received from the Branch Mint at  
Salem, said to contain 12 pieces of gold for assay amounting  
to \$25<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> - Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jam. Knodling  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



154.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 31. 1839.

Sir

Of the 22<sup>nd</sup> with the coin of the  
to was duly received and the coin forwarded to the  
Director of the Mint at Philadelphia as requested.

I remain very truly  
Yours &c. &c.

Levi Vandenberg  
Sec. of the Dept.

J. D. Dingler  
Sup. of the Mint  
Baltimore



Treasury Department

Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1840

Sir,

Wherein I enclose you a copy of  
 a Resolution of the Senate, and  
 request, that you will furnish  
 me at your earliest convenience with  
 all the information in your power  
 with regard to the particulars invol-  
 ved in the 9<sup>th</sup> a last item - being  
 the annual product of the Gold Mines  
 of the U.S. and the time of their discovery

J. H. Wheeler Esq

 Secy of the Grand Mint  
 at Charlotte

N. C.

I am Sir

 very respectfully  
 your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Anderson  
 Secretary of the Treasury



155.

Treasury Department  
Jan: 21 - 1840.

Sir

In reply to your communication dated the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. I have to state, that the files of the Department have been examined, but the drawings asked for by you cannot be found.

If they were deposited in this office they were no doubt consumed in 1833.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Altho: &c

Sam<sup>l</sup> W. Wheelock  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



153.

Treasury Department.  
Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1840.

Sir.

I herewith enclose a copy of a resolution, adopted by the Senate, requiring certain information as to the amount of coinage from the establishment of the Mint and its branches; and the annual product of the gold mines of the Gold Mines of the United States from the time of their discovering. If the materials at your command will not enable you to make a satisfactory statement upon the latter particular, I will thank you to open a correspondence with others for the purpose of procuring it as early as practicable.

I am Sir.

Very Respectfully  
W. B. B. B.  
Secy. of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



156

Treasury Department  
Jan. 9. 1840

Sir

I enclose by this mail to your address  
a package of coins from the Branch Mint at Dahlenburg  
and I send herewith a communication from the 5<sup>th</sup> Auditor  
relative to a charge made by the Consul. Ad. at Copenhagen.

I remain very Respy  
Yrs. Obedt. &c

Saml. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. Patterson  
Philad.

P.S. Your several communications of the 7<sup>th</sup> have been received  
and that one relating to the estimates for the Branch Mint at  
W. Alen has been transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee  
of Ways & Means.



156.

Treasurer's Report  
Nov. 29. 1840.

Wm = Communications of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst  
have been received and the same referred to the  
Committee have been transmitted to the Secy of the  
Mint at Philad<sup>a</sup> as requested.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. S.  
Saml. Randall  
Secy of the Mint

J. J. Singleton  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
Baltimore. Co.



157

Treasury Department  
January 10, 1840.

Sir

I transmit by this mail a package  
received this morning, from the Consul of the States at  
Frankfort - containing coins.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt<sup>ly</sup> &c

Sam<sup>l</sup> Cresswell  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. M. Postens  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



157.

Treasury Department  
Jan. 13. 1840.

Sir

In compliance with a request made  
by Dr. Patterson I transmit herewith a statement from the office  
of the Register of the Treasury shewing the payments from the  
Treasury on account of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

Saml Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury.

Wm. M. Kennedy Esq  
Sup. Branch Mint  
N. Orleans.



157.

Treasury Department  
Jan: 12. 1840.

Sir

I transmit enclosed a copy of a  
letter received from Col. Singleton Sup. of the Branch Mint  
at Dahlonega and have to request that the business to which  
it relates may be forthwith brought to a close.

Very Respectfully

Sam: Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Wm. A. R. Van Buren  
Comptroller Genl.



158.

Treasury Department  
January 14. 1824.

Sir

I have received your communication  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst - and have written again to Col New to request  
him Litchville to pay over the balance in his hands -  
If the matter be not soon arranged the Department must be  
obliged to take some other steps to compel him to a settlement, but which it is  
anxious to hope will not be necessary.  
Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> has also been received and the Coins  
Linnacres & Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Amstrong  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Col. J. J. Singleton  
Asst. Pr. Mint  
Philadelphia.



158

Treasury Department  
January 14 1870.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail, to your address,  
a package of coins received this morning from the Branch  
Mint at Dahlmeyer.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Altho. Servt  
J. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

S. R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



158.

Treasury Department  
Jan: 18. 1820.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail a package  
of Coins received from the U.S. Consul at Cape Cod.

Enclosed you will receive a letter addressed to this  
Department by the Consul U.S. at Rio Janeiro, with the  
statement therein referred to.

Very Respectfully/  
Jm A. Sedgwick  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



159

Treasury Department  
January 18. 1840.

Sir

The box containing dies for the Branch  
Mint at N. Orleans, transmitted by you, has been received  
and forwarded as requested.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Altho. Dear

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson.

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



159.

Treasury Department  
January 18. 1860.

Sir

I transmit to your care by this  
mail a package of dies received from the Mint at Philadelphia  
for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

Very Respectfully  
Yrs. Obedt. Servt

Samuel M. Lewis

Sec. of the Mint.

Jos. M. Kennedy Esq  
Sup. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans.



159

Treasury Department  
January 20. 1840

Sir

I transmit by this mail to your address  
a box of dies received this morning from the Director  
of the Mint at Philadelphia for the Branch Mint at  
N. Orleans.

Very Respectfully

Saml. K. M. H. S.  
Sec. of the Treasury.

For Mr. Kennedy  
Sup. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans



160.

Treasury Department  
January 26. 1840.

Sir

The Box of dies received this morning  
has been forwarded to the Sup. Pr. Mint at N. Orleans  
in compliance with your request.

Very Respectfully

Samuel H. Murray  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



160.

Treasury Department  
January 22. 1870

Sir

I transmit, by this mail, to  
your address, the package of coins referred to  
in the enclosed letter

Very Respectfully

~~Samuel D. Smith~~  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. R. M. Patterson  
Director of Mint  
Philadelphia



160.

Treasury Department  
January 23. 1840

Sir,

The box of dies referred to in yours  
of the 21<sup>st</sup> has been received and forwarded to the  
Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans,  
very Respectfully

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
January 23, 1840.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail to  
your address a box containing dies from the Mint  
at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel Jackson  
Sec. of the Treasury

John W. Patterson  
Asst. Dir. of the Mint  
Philadelphia.  
Jas. M. Kennedy  
Asst. Dir. of the Mint.  
N. Orleans.



161.

Treasury Department  
Jan. 25. 1820.

Sir,

I transmit to your address, by this mail  
a box containing dies for your Mint - received this  
morning from the Mint at Philadelphia

Very Respectfully

Ami Moulton  
Secy of the Treasury.

Jos. M. Kennedy  
N. Orleans



461.

Treasury Department  
January 25. 1840.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
Boxes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and of the box of this reference to,  
which will be forwarded to N. Orleans.

As objections are made at the Post Office, to the  
transportation of such heavy packages by mail, I  
would suggest the expedience of having the sets divided  
hereafter, and sent by different mails.

Very Respectfully

Samuel B. Bowdler  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



162.

Treasury Department  
January 27. 1840.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
a box of dies for the Branch Mints at Charlotte and  
Salem. The have been forwarded according to the directions  
Very Respectfully

Jas. Buchanan  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. W. Patterson  
Philad.



162.

Treasury Department  
January 29. 1820.

Sir,

I transmit, by this mail, to you  
adap a box of dies for your mint, received this  
morning from Philadelphia

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Mendenhall

Sec. of the Treas.

J. H. Wheeler &  
Charlotte  
N. Caroline



162.

Treasury Department  
January 27. 1860.

Sir

I transmit, by this mail, to your address,  
a box of dies for your Mint, received this morning from  
the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

~~Sam. Wood~~  
Sec. of the Treasury

W. C.  
Jas. P. Dingler &  
Dahlonega  
Ga.



162.

Treasury Department  
January 28. 1840.

Sir

In reply to your communication of the  
20<sup>th</sup> inst I have to state that the bal. of the moneys in  
your hands on account of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega  
or as much of it as may be necessary to close their account,  
should be paid over by you to the Contractor for building  
said Branch Mint - to whom it properly belongs.

Very Respectfully

~~Geo Washington~~  
Secy of the Treas.

Ignatius Sewell  
Comm. for building Br. Mint  
at Dahlonega.  
Ga.



163.

Treasury Department  
January 28. 1840

Sir

In answer to your letter of the  
22<sup>nd</sup> inst. I have to state that it is desirable to reply to the  
Resolution of Congress referred at as early a period as  
practicable so as to effect the object of their Resolution  
Very Respectfully

Samuel M. Young  
Sec. of the Treasury

John H. Wheeler Esq.  
Sup. of the Mint  
Charlotte  
N.C.



162.  
Treasury Department  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>o</sup> 1840.

Sir, — By the 32<sup>d</sup> Section of the Mint law, approved the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1837, the President of the United States is authorized to appoint, in addition to the Judge and District Attorney of the United States, and the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, who are ex officio Commissioners, such other persons as he may deem proper Commissioners, who shall meet on the 2<sup>d</sup> Monday in February, annually, for the purposes of their appointment as designated in the law, viz: "that to secure a due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards and weights, an annual trial be made of the pieces used for this purpose at the Mint." I am therefore authorized by the President to request you to act as one of said Commissioners — Mess<sup>rs</sup> Clement L. Biddle and Samuel D. Ingham will be requested to unite with you in the Commission. —

I am very respectfully Yr ob<sup>d</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Levi Woodbury  
Secy of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

Franklin Bacha,  
Philadelphia, &c



Treasury Department  
Jan'y 30. 1840.

Sir,

By the 32<sup>d</sup> Section of the Mint law, approved the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1837, the President of the United States is authorized to appoint in addition to the Judge and District Attorney of the United States and the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, who are ex officio Commissioners, such other persons, as he may deem proper Commissioners, who shall meet on the second Monday in February, annually, for the purposes of their appointment as designated in the law, viz: "that to secure a due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards and weights, an annual trial be made of the pieces used for this purpose at the Mint." I am therefore authorized by the President to request you, to act as one of said Commissioners - Mess<sup>rs</sup> Franklin Bache and Samuel D Ingham will be requested to unite with you in the Commission.

I am very respectfully, &c &c. Lewis  
Clement C. Biddle, Esq,  
Philadelphia  
Pa

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Secy of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.



Treasury Department Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sir - By the 32<sup>d</sup> section of the Mint law, approved the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1837, the President of the United States, is authorized to appoint in addition to the Judge and District Attorney of the United States, and the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, who are ex Officio Commissioners, such other persons, as he may deem proper Commissioners, who shall meet on the second Monday in February, annually, for the purposes of their appointment as designated in the law, viz "that to secure a due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards, and weights, an annual trial be made of the pieces, used for this purpose at the Mint" I am therefore, authorized by the President to request you to act as one of said Commissioners. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Clement C. Biddle & Franklin Bache will be requested to unite with you in the Commission.

I am very respectfully, Yr. Ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Samuel D. Ingham Esq  
New Hope Pa

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Secretary of the Treasury



164.

Treasury Department  
January 30<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> inst. it is my duty to remark, that I have not the power to direct the transfer of an amount from one appropriation to the credit of another, which would be the obvious effect of the suggestion, which you have presented. The appropriation for 'Wearage of Gold and Contingent expenses' at the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte, having been all drawn, I can only add, that your request must wait an appropriation for the object, to be made by Congress.

Very Respectfully Sir,  
I remain Your Obedt Servt

*Saml B. Anderson*  
Secretary of the Treasury

John H. Wheeler Esq  
Superintendent U. S. Branch Mint  
Charlotte N. C.



164.

Treasury Department  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sir,

At the suggestion in your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. the President has directed three Commissioners to be appointed in addition to the Judge, Dist. Attorney, of the U. S. & Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, for the purpose mentioned in the 32<sup>d</sup> section of the Act of the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1837, whose letters of appointment I herewith enclose to you, with a request, that they may be transmitted to the respective appointees -

I am, Very Respectfully,  
Yr. Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodhull  
Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Treasury

N. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia  
Poo



165.

Treasury Department  
January 21. 1820

Sir

The package of Coins alluded to in  
your communication of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. has been received  
and forwarded to Dr. Patterson at Philadelphia.  
Very Respectfully.

Samuel Hays  
Sec. of the Treas.

Jos. M. Kennedy &  
Sup. Mint.  
N. Orleans.



115.

Treasury Department  
January 31. 1840

Sir

I transmit to your address by this  
mail a package of Coins for assay - received this  
morning from the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.  
Very Respectfully

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson  
Philad.



165.

Treasury Department  
February 6. 1840.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ult. enclosing a copy of a Resolution of the Senate of the 30<sup>th</sup> of December, I take occasion to remark, that all the information necessary to enable the Department to reply to that Resolution, has been obtained except that asked for by the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> branches.

Will you be good eno<sup>d</sup> to give your attention to this subject and to furnish me, at as early a day as practicable, with the information to enable me to complete the reply.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Thompson  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

S. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



166.

Treasury Department  
February 9. 1860.

Sir

I transmit, to your address, by this mail,  
a box of dies received from the Mint at Philadelphia.

There is a small balance remaining of the appro-  
priation for enclosing the grounds of the Pr. Mint at  
Charlotte (nearly \$300.) - I will thank you to state  
whether this bal. or any portion of it will be required  
to complete any existing contract in relation to said enclosure.

Very Respectfully

Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. H. Wheeler  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
Charlotte  
N.C.



66.  
Treasury Department  
February 7. 1840.

Sir

Your communication of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst and the box of dies referred to have been received. The box has been forwarded to the branch Mint at Charlotte.

Referring to your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> received yesterday I have to request, that you will transmit to the Department the reasons assigned by the Superintendent of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans for not having furnished a statement of the operation of that branch for the past year - and if such reasons have not been received by you, to write to the Superintendent <sup>to furnish them</sup> without delay.

Very Respectfully

Samuel Hays  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Philad.

B. B. M. P.



167

Treasury Department  
Feb. 9. 1840

Sir

I transmit by this mail to your address  
a box of dies received this morning from the Mint  
at Philadelphia -

Very Respectfully

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. J. Ingels  
St. Louis  
Mo.



167.

Treasury Department  
February 9. 1840.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several communications of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> instant. The box of dies for the Dahlenega branch has been forwarded as requested.

I take this occasion to apprise you, that, unless Congress shall furnish the Department with other means, it may be necessary to draw on the Mint, by the 5<sup>th</sup> of March next, for about \$200,000 - but I will avoid drawing to so great an extent, if practicable.

Very Respectfully

Samuel H. Kneass  
Sec. of the Treas.

D. R. W. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



167.  
Treasury Department  
February 14. 1820

Sir,

I transmit to your address, by  
this Mail, a package containing Coins received  
this morning from the Consul of the States at  
Napoli.

Very Respectfully

Samuel Townsend  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. R. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.

P.S. Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> containing the Report  
of the result of the assay of the Gold and Silver coins  
of 1829, by the Commissioners, under the Act of Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1827  
has been received —



168.

Treasury Department  
February 19. 1860.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
and to thank you for the 50 half dollars of the coinage  
of 1850.

I enclose in payment for them, a check for  
five dollars on the Bank of America which will,  
probably, answer as well as a half eagle.

I remain very Respy

Samuel H. Thompson  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. N. M. Patterson  
Philad.



168.

Treasury Department  
February 21. 1840.

Sir,

Some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the small amount of Coinage at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans since the newly appointed officers entered upon their duties.

I will thank you to make the necessary inquiries and to report to this Department whether, in your opinion, a reasonable amount has been coined at that Branch since the appointment of the new officers, and if not what has been the cause of the deficiency. Perhaps since the arrival of such

all the previous duty has been remitted. Very Respectfully

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson  
Philad.



819

Treasury Department  
February 26. 1860.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. has been received. A specific appropriation of \$4000 was made for enclosing the grounds of the Branch Mint at Charlotte - Mr. McComb the Commissioner, contracted to have the work done for \$3500, which contract Mr. McComb states was completed to his satisfaction. It now appears, that the whole of the appropriation of \$4000 was (as you supposed) expended - and that you had expended in addition \$720 out of the Contingent fund. I will thank you to explain how this has happened and to state by what authority the payment was made out of the Contingent fund beyond the amount appropriated by Congress for enclosing the grounds &c.

Very Respectfully

Wm. B. Wheeler  
Charlotte  
N.C.

Very respectfully  
Sec of the Treasury



169.

Treasury Department  
December 26. 1840

Sir,

Your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month was  
dearly received and referred to the Comptroller and I am  
in possession of his report.

It will be necessary for  
you to transmit to the Auditor duplicates of the  
vouchers taken for payments made by you - or if  
duplicates were not taken to furnish copies verified  
on oath. The subject should be carefully looked up.

Very Respectfully

*Samuel B. Knapp*  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jos. P. Livingston.  
Sap. Dir. Mint  
Washington  
Ga



170.

Treasury Department.  
February 29. 1820.

Sir,

I will thank you to give me, at your earliest convenience, the information to enable me to reply to the annexed query submitted by the C. B. of Ways and Means.

It has been suggested, that it would be well for you to require carefully reports of the coinage at the Branch Mints. Should it in your opinion be expedient to require them so frequently?

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>r</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

J. R. W. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.

3<sup>d</sup>. What is the character of the duties performed by the laborers of the Mints; and what the compensation paid to each?



170.

Treasury Department  
March 4. 1849.

Sir

I transmit to your address two packages  
received from the Alstater Consul at Sepsie.  
Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> has been received and  
referred to the Committee of Ways & Means.  
Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G<sup>o</sup>. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



170

Treasury Department  
March 7. 1870.

Sir

I have received yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I will thank you to send me the monthly reports  
(or the review of them) of the coinage at the branch  
Mints as they are received by you.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> C. Mendenhall  
Sec of the Treas<sup>y</sup>.

D. W. M. Patterson.  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



121.

Treasury Department  
March 9. 1840.

Sir

I am in the receipt of yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant. My letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. does not appear to have been <sup>correctly</sup> understood by you. The case is simply this - Congress appropriated \$7000. for out-houses and melon grounds for the Branch Mint at Charlotte - Of this appropriation Mr. McComb drew out — \$ 5,062.55 -  
Drawn out by you — 1,500.01  
Leaving a bal. still to the debit of the app<sup>o</sup>. of — 237.42  
\$ 7,000.00

Now you supposed the whole of this appropriation had been expended and my object was to ascertain by what authority you paid \$720. in addition, out of the contingent fund, which fund, in the opinion of the Department was not properly chargeable with such expenditures.

As it appears from your communication that you acted with the sanction of the Director of the Mint at P. You can close your requisition for \$237.42 the bal. of the app<sup>o</sup>. for enclosing the grounds, &c and

Yours



77.

the amount to the credit of the contingent fund  
in your account with the Government.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. H

Sam Washington  
Sec. of the Treas.

John H. Wheeler Esq.  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
Charlotte  
N.C.

P. S. Yours of the 10 ult. on the subject of the  
gold mines was received this morning - for which  
please receive my thanks.



172.

Treasury Department.  
March 9. 1840.

Sir,

I have received this morning, from  
J. H. Wheeler J. his report on the subject of the Gold  
Mines of N. Carolina - and will thank you for  
such information as you may have it in your power  
to communicate, at your earliest convenience, that  
I may be enabled to reply to the Resolution of the  
Senate -

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Samuel Henshaw  
Sec. of the Treas.

J. R. W. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



172

Treasury Department  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Kennedy the departmental<sup>ist</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, communicating an extract from a letter addressed by yourself to him, I have to state, that a warrant issued this day in your favor as Treasurer of the U.S. Bank at New Orleans for the sum of \$10,000 upon the respective accounts as follows,

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Salaries of<br>Officers &c                         | 2000 |
| Comptroller<br>and Cashiers                        | 3000 |
| Salaries of<br>Clerks &c                           | 4000 |
| Expenses<br>of the<br>U.S. Bank at<br>New Orleans. | 1000 |

Though the above is not the whole amount which you are yet to receive, the information received from you last account at Mr. Kennedy's office, exhibits in your hands upon the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, that a balance of \$9,907 & 22.

Finances C. Ligonier Esq.  
 Treasurer U. S. Bank at  
 New Orleans.

Very Res<sup>t</sup> Sir,  
 I remain Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 Secretary of the Treasury



172.

Treasury Department  
March 18. 1840.

Sir

I duly received your communication of the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. in relation to the alleged deficiency in the coinage at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans and hope that your expectations as to the future success of that establishment may not be disappointed.

Permit me to ask, however, whether sufficient time has elapsed to enable you to judge of the qualifications and general fitness of the Coiner of that Branch for the situation he holds? If not, I will thank you to institute such enquiries as you may deem proper in a way to enable you to form an opinion on that point and to report the result to the Department.

Is he still? enough?

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. S<sup>t</sup>

*Samuel M. Patterson*  
Sec. of the Treasury

S. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



173

Treasury Department  
March 19. 1820.

Sir,

I have received yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> and  
the box of dies therein referred to, which have been  
forwarded as requested.

Permit me to call your attention  
to the fact, that one fourth of the year will have elapsed  
by the time these dies reach their destination and to enquire  
whether they cannot hereafter be prepared in time to  
reach the respective branches by the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in  
each year.

Very Respectfully

Jam. M. Patterson  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. M. Patterson.  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



173

Treasury Department  
March 19. 1840.

Sir,

I transmit to your address, by this  
mail, a package received this morning from the  
Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully -

Sam. Woodbury  
Secy of the Treas.

Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.  
N. Mass.



174.

Treasury Department  
March 20. 1848.

Sir,

The box of dies referred to in yours  
of the 18<sup>th</sup> has been received and forwarded to the  
Branch Mint at New Orleans.

I transmit by this  
mail to your address a Letter from the Ad. Consulate  
at Hope Cappel and the coin therein referred to.  
Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. P. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



174.

Treasury Department  
March 20. 1840.

Sir,

I transmit by this mail to your  
address, a box containing dies, received this morning  
from the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.  
Very Respectfully

Samuel Randall  
Sec. of the Treasury

Wm. M. Kennedy  
Sup. Branch Mint  
Phila.



174.

Treasury Department  
March 21. 1840.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst I have to remark that it is not necessary for you to proceed further in the matter between Col Jew and Messrs Simley and Downs at least for the present.

Since my last communication to you Col Jew has sent on the receipt of Messrs Simley and Downs for \$4000 - paid and over by him, and the Department is in hopes, that the balance will soon be adjusted.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt

Esqr. Wm. Loring  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Jos. P. Singleton &  
Sup. Br. Mint  
Dahlgren



175.

Treasury Department  
March 21. 1820.

Sir

I transmit by this mail to your  
address the China box of dies for your Branch Mint.  
Very Respy

Jas. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jos. W. Kennedy  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
N. Orleans.

Jos. L. Singleton  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
Alabama



175.

Treasury Department  
March 21. 1840.

Sir,

The third box of dies for the Branch  
Mint at New Orleans was received this morning and  
has been forwarded

Very Respy.

Sam<sup>l</sup> W. H. H.  
Secy. of the Treasury

G. R. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



175.

Treasury Department  
March 24. 1840.

Sir,

By this mail you will receive a duplicate of a letter addressed to you by the Consul of the U.S. at Tripoli and the specimens of coins therein referred to.

I enclose, for payment, and account of the U.S. Consul at Hamburg for coins furnished by him.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Randall  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



175.

Treasury Department  
April 2. 1840.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a communication  
addressed to you by the U.S. Consul at Tunis together with  
the specimens of coins therein referred to.  
Very Respectfully

John Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



176.

Treasury Department  
April 8. 1840.

Sir

I transmit herewith a package supposed  
to contain coins from the American Consul at Tunis.

Very Respectfully

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

S. W. M. Patterson

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



176.

Treasury Department  
April 11. 1840.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed are extract from  
a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at  
Dahlgren.

Permit me to call your attention to the  
matter to which it relates and to request your advice as  
to what is expedient and proper.

Very Respectfully

John Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



176.

Treasury Department  
April 14. 1840.

Sir,

I enclose a copy of a communication, received, this morning, from Mr. Benton of the Senate, and will thank you for such information as will enable me to reply to Mr. B.'s <sup>inquiries</sup>.

Very Respectfully

Samuel Hays  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. R. M. Patterson  
Philadelphia..



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Treasury Department  
April 16. 1840.

Sir,

Yours of this <sup>at 2 o'clock</sup> instant was duly received.  
You are authorized to cover the Mint-Edifice with shingles  
as proposed, provided there be any fund out of which the  
expense can be defrayed. The Zinc may also be sold  
and the proceeds, as far as they will go, applied to that object  
Very Respectfully

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



177

Treasury Department  
April 29. 1820.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of a box of dies, which has been forwarded to the Sup. of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans.

Enclosed you will receive an extract from the account of G. M. Hecox, Consul of the States <sup>at St. James</sup>, being his charge for Coins furnished for the Mint, and I would take occasion to remark that it is desirable this and similar accounts forwarded to the Mint should be arranged as early as practicable, that the funds may be credited here in their respective accounts with the Government.

Very Respectively  
*Saml. Houston*  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



177

Treasury Department  
April 29. 1840.

Sir,

By this mail I transmit to your  
address a box containing dies for the Br. Mint, received  
this morning, from Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

Samuel Henshaw  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jos. W. Kennedy  
Sup. Br. Mint  
W. Leary.



178.

Treasury Department  
May 5. 1840.

Sir,

The enclosed Bond of Jonas R.  
McClintock, Melter and Refiner of the Mint at  
Philadelphia is submitted for your examination -  
The Act of 3<sup>d</sup> March 1835 requires the Bond to be  
approved by the Director of the Mint, and the Secretary  
of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Saml Wm Henry  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.



178.

Treasury Department  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 2<sup>th</sup>. I have to state, that some of the Consuls have charged the cost of the Coins furnished by them for the Mint, in their accounts with the Allstate claiming a credit for the amount.

The readiest way of giving this credit is to have the money deposited in Bank to the credit of the Treasurer of the Allstate as a repayment by the Consuls out of the money in their hands respectively, on account of the relief of American Seamen.

To do this, the Treasurer not having an account with either of the Banks in Philadelphia, it may be as well for you to remit to him your check (specie) for \$183.04 which he can deposit to his credit in the Metropolitan Bank here.

Very Respectfully

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



179

Treasury Department  
May 15. 1840.

Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday's date and your request shall be complied with.

I take occasion to suggest whether, in the event of the appointment of a new Clerk - it would not be well to require him to give bonds in a greater amount than has heretofore been the practice.

I remain very Respy  
Yours Obedt<sup>ly</sup> J<sup>r</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



129.

Treasury Department  
May 19. 1840.

Sir,

In reply to your communication dated the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. I have to remark, that I do not perceive any objection to the recoinage of all foreign gold and silver <sup>coin</sup> received at the Mint in payment of debts due to the United States, or for the payment of the ordinary expenses of the Mint, previously to their being issued in circulation.

The difference will be, it is believed, but small to the Government. I would suggest, whether it would not be better, instead of making any alteration in the bankers' profits account, to make up that difference out of the contingent fund of the Mint - particularly as the profit on the copper coinage is now carried to that fund.

Very Respectfully

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



180.

Pensury Department  
May 26. 1840

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. which was received yesterday, requesting an advance of \$ b. 400 to be made to you on account of your expenditures for the U. S. Branch Mint at Dahlonega Ga. I have to remark, that it appears from the Books of the Register of the Treasury that the balance now standing against you upon the respective accounts upon which you request the sum of \$ 5. 400 & the additional sum of \$ 1000 is, in the aggregate, \$ 8. 627. 09. It is therefore, necessary to transmit to the 1<sup>st</sup> Auditor, further vouchers of your expenditures, for examination & settlement, before this advance of \$ b. 400 can be made. As soon as I am informed, that this has been done, I shall with pleasure, give immediate attention to the subject of your present application.

Very Respectfully Sir.  
I remain Your W. S.

Joseph T. Singleton Esq.  
Superint. & Treasurer  
U. S. Br. Mint  
Dahlonega Ga.

Samuel H. Murray  
Secretary of the Treasury



181.

Treasury Department  
May 28. 1840.

Sir

I transmit by this mail a  
box containing dies for your branch mint,  
received this morning from the Director of the  
Mint at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully  
Samuel Washington  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jos. M. Kennedy  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
N. Orleans.



181.

Treasury Department  
July 29 1840

Sir,

I have received this day from the 1<sup>st</sup> Auditor of the Treasury a statement of the account of Mr. Comstock which exhibits at this time a balance against him including suspended items of \$9,295.00. I have therefore in reply to your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. issued this day a warrant in favor of Mr. Comstock as first of the 1<sup>st</sup> Auditor at once returns to the sum of \$6,750 on account of salaries & compensation to laborers. Before the remaining amount asked for can be remitted further vouchers for expenditures should be transmitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Auditor for examination & settlement.

Very Res<sup>t</sup> Sir, I remain  
Yr. O<sup>b</sup>dt<sup>l</sup>

Jam<sup>s</sup> Buchanan

Secretary of the Treasury

J. M. Kennedy Esq  
Superintendent U. S.  
Br. Dist. New Orleans



181.

Treasury Department  
June 1. 1820.

Sir

I transmit by this mail, a  
box of dies for the Branch Mint at New Orleans,  
received by the Department from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

Samuel Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jos. M. Kennedy - Esq.  
Sup. Br. Mint  
N. Orleans.

P.S. Another box will be forwarded by the mail  
of tomorrow.



182.

Treasury Department  
June 1. 1840.

Sir,

Congress having made an additional appropriation on account of the building &c of the branch mint at Dahlonega, I will thank you to ascertain from the Contractors Messrs. Tinsley & Sons the exact amount claimed to be due to them including the bill for extra work &c. - If found to correspond with the accounts in the Department the amount will be forthwith remitted to them either directly or thro you.

Very Respectfully

Saml Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury

Wm D. Singleton Esq  
Dep. Dir. Mint at  
Dahlonega - Ga.



182.

Treasury Department  
June 9<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Sir,

I transmit by this day's mail a box containing dies for your Branch Mint received this morning from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

~~Wm. Randall~~  
Secy of the Treasry.

Col. M. Kennedy, Esq  
Supt Br. Mint  
New Orleans.



182.

Treasury Department  
June 10. 1840.

Sir.

Your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> has come to hand.  
The box of dies referred to has also been received and forwarded  
to N. Orleans.

The boxes transmitted by you on the  
27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> ult. were also duly received and forwarded.  
Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



182.

Treasury Department  
June 17. 1820.

Sir

The Committee of Claims of the Senate has been instructed to enquire into the propriety of providing by law for the payment of the balance <sup>claims to</sup> due to John Mitchell and Benjamin Fox contractors for building the Branch Mint at New Orleans - and I have received a communication from the chairman of that Committee requesting to be furnished with any evidence on the files of this Department having a bearing on these accounts and, also, with any other information in my power which will aid the Committee in forming a correct opinion as to the merits of the claim.

All the information on the subject now in the possession of the Department will be submitted to the Committee this morning; and there are some matters in relation to it, to which I beg to call your attention; and I will thank you to furnish me as early as practicable with such explanations touching them as it may be in your power to give - and, also, such other information in your possession as may aid the  
Com:



Committee in forming a correct opinion as to the merits of  
the claim. In your estimate for the branches of the Union  
transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and  
Means dated Dec. 28 1836, you state the Contract price for  
putting up the building for the New Orleans Branch, exclusive  
of one wing to be \$182,000 and estimate the cost of the  
other wing to be about \$60,000 - and of the railing around  
the lot to be about \$10,000. Now, referring to the Contract  
now on file in the Department it appears that it provides for  
the erection of a principal building to consist of a centre of  
"ninety feet and eight in" "Esplanade street" with wings on each  
side of ninety six feet each - and also, for the erection  
of the whole lot with a dwarf wall with an iron railing  
to be completed for the sum of \$182,000. After arranging for  
the payment of \$182,000 at the work shall progress it is provided  
that as the erection of one wing of said building designated  
in the plan together with the dwarf wall shall be delayed until  
a future period, that the Commissioner shall retain in his hands  
\$20,000 until such time as said wing shall be required to be  
built. The whole sum of \$182,000 has been paid to the Con:  
tractors, it is understood that both wings have been  
finished and the lot enclosed -

Permit me to enquire.







165.

Treasury Department.  
June 20. 1840.

Sir,

Referring to your communications of the 12<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> instant I have to state, that the President approves of the appointment of Mr. Randall Hutchinson to be clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint in the place vacated by Mr. Beneset and he also approves of the division of the salaries of the clerks as proposed by you.

In relation to the bond to be given by the clerk I approve of its being increased to \$5,000, considering that not too high.

Very Respectfully

Jam. Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



185.

Treasury Department

June 20. 1860.

Sir,

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing a document exhibiting the situation of the Branch Mint has been received & considered.

It will afford me great pleasure to increase the deposit in your branch for the purpose of procuring metal for coining as soon as the creation of the Treasury will admit of it - but at present it cannot be done, & may be obliged occasionally to seek drafts on the account you now have.

Very Respectfully

Sam. Washington  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Jos. M. Kennedy

Sup. Br. Mint

N. Orleans.



185.

Treasury Department

June 24. 1840.

Sir

I transmit enclosed a copy of a letter received from T. Riddell the Master & Receiver at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans to which I invite your attention -

T. Riddell has been called on by the Department for explanation of the charges on the former communications.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt

Saml Woodhouse

Sec. of the Treasury.

S. R. W. Patterson

Philadelphia.



186.

Treasury Department  
June 24. 1840.

Sir

Before the receipt of your communication dated the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, the President had directed a statement of the charges made against you to be transmitted to you for your explanation. They are as follows viz:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> That you have <sup>unsuccessfully</sup> quarrelled with, and discharged your workmen, that you have lost the regard of your fellow officers and that you have not succeeded in preserving in the Mint the harmony and good feeling so much to be desired and without which the operations of the Mint must be retarded and the situation of the other officers rendered unpleasant &c
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That you are giving bad ingots to the Coiner and do not seem to be able to make them better.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That the day after the examination of the contents of your vault by the Treasurer, you went, accompanied by your brother and one of your workmen, to the lodgings of Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Carthy, formerly one of your workmen, who had left the Mint, and whipped him very severely—that this



1861  
transaction has brought disgrace upon the establishment and  
subjected you as well as those who accompanied you to a  
criminal prosecution —

Your early attention to such  
course <sup>of explanation & satisfaction</sup> as the <sup>as</sup> these complaints seem to require, is desired — and  
in the mean time a copy of your letter will be sent, this  
day, to the Director and his immediate attention invited  
to the <sup>other</sup> subject, mentioned therein

Very Respectfully  
Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. E. Riddell  
W. Deane.



187.

Treasury Department  
June 27. 1840.

Sir,

I transmit herewith, for your examination a statement of the expenditures by Mr. Dostall and Mr. Cammack out of the appropriations made for the Building and Machinery for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans. These accounts having been settled by the proper accounting officers of the Department and not in this office, are now, for the first time, brought to my notice.

I will thank you to inform me whether the outhouses, which have cost very large sums were built under your direction or with your sanction, and if not, by whose direction they were erected and of what they consist.

There are, also, some heavy charges for Furniture - Marble Mantels &c. I will thank you to state whether these expenditures were authorised by you - and whether all or how many officers of the Mint reside in the buildings.

Very Respectfully

J. R. M. Patterson  
Director of Mint Philad<sup>a</sup>

Jam<sup>s</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.



187.

Treasury, department

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1860

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The certificate issued by you on a loan  
of \$100,000 from the Treasury on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst for  
silver bullion to the value of \$724,86, is now  
held by the Bank of the Metropolis, the amount  
having been placed in special deposits there  
on account of the Treasury of the United States. This  
letter is written at the suggestion of the Cashier of  
that bank in order to obviate any possible  
difficulty with you as to the currency of some  
of the indorsement, by stating very respectfully  
that fact.

Wm Findlay &

Treasurer of the Mint

Philadelphia

Samuel Washington  
Secretary of the Treasury



188.

Treasury Department  
July 2. 1830.

Sir,

My attention has been called, lately, for the first time, to the expenditures by Messrs. Footall & Cammack, the late and present Treasurers of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, out of the appropriation for the Building and Machinery for that branch. Very heavy items of these expenditures are for outhouse furniture - Made Mantels &c

D. Patterson, the Director of the Mint, in reply to a letter from the Department, calling on him for some explanation, in relation to these expenditures, states, that he knows nothing of the outhouses - nor have any been built under his direction and altho it is evident that some outbuildings must have been necessary he does not conceive that they should have been of a costly character and that he is much surprised at the bills for that object. Nor can he give <sup>specific</sup> information in relation to the charges for furniture Made Mantels &c

I will thank you to ascertain under whose authority



and by whose direction the outhouses were built and  
to report to this Department, of what they consist. And you  
will also be pleased to state by whom the expenditures  
for furniture were authorized and of what the furniture  
principally consists and whether the expenditures concerning  
these heads were made with a due regard to economy.

Please to state, also, whether all or how many of the  
building officers of the Mint reside in the building  
Very Respectfully

Saml Wendell  
Sec. of the Treasury

Cos. G. M. Kennedy Esq.

Sup. Br. Mint.

N. Orleans.



189.

Treasury Department  
July 7. 1840.

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a draft of the Treasurer of the United States on the Collector of New Orleans for \$8,000. This is to be applied in part payment of a claim preferred by Messrs. Mitchell & Cox for extra work done by them on the Building for the Branch Mint at New Orleans by direction of General Gordon, the Commissioner for building that Branch and for which room the Superintendent will give his warrant on you, provided on examination and enquiry he finds no objection to the payment of the account.

This draft will exhaust the appropriation on account of the building & Machinery of the Branch at N. Orleans - all further expenditures under that head must, therefore, cease until provided for by Congress and sanctioned by this Department thro the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully  
Samuel W. McKim  
Sec. of the Treasury.

W. C. Carmack  
To the Mint - N. Orleans.



189.

Treasury Department  
— Docty 7. 1840.

Sir,

The enclosed account for extra work done  
by Messrs Mitchell and Dix on the Branch Mint at  
New Orleans with the order of Genl. Gordon for the payment  
annexed, was presented to the Superintendent of the Branch  
Mint at New Orleans on May 1839. It was not paid at  
that time and no steps have been taken for its adjustment  
until lately, in consequence of the absence of the necessary  
explanations from General Gordon on the subject. These  
explanations have been received and it is now ascertained that  
the claim should be settled. With a view to this settlement  
I transmit herewith a draft in favor of the Treasurer  
of the Mint on the Collector of New Orleans for \$2500.  
and you will please issue your order on the Treasurer in  
favor of the Contractors for that sum on account, unless you  
know of any objection to the claim. In the balance the parties  
must wait for an additional appropriation by Congress.  
As this payment will exhaust the appropriation for the  
building &c



for the Branch Mint at N. Orleans all expenditures  
under that head must cease until sanctioned by this  
<sup>the Director of the United States</sup> Department and provided for by an appropriation.

Very Respectfully

Sam. Washington  
Sec. of the Treasury

For M. Kennedy Esq  
Sup. For. Mint  
N. Orleans



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Treasury Department  
July 15. 1860.

Sir

I enclose herewith a specimen of ore,  
which I will thank you to cause to be analyzed and  
the result reported to the Department. It is supposed to  
contain a portion of silver & perhaps gold

Very Respectfully

Samuel H. Young  
Sec. of the Treasury

S. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad.



190.

Treasury Department  
July 22. 1840.

Sir,

It is desirable, that the Gold coinage, for the present, be limited to Eagles and I will thank to cause it to be done, so far as it can be, without interfering with the requests of depositors.

Very Respectfully  
Samuel H. Seward  
Sec. of the Treasury

D<sup>r</sup>. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



191.

Treasury Department  
July 22. 1820.

Sir

I have received your communication  
of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. and can see no objection to the course you  
recommend <sup>in exchanging coin</sup> and you are authorized to adopt it at your invitation,  
and at N. Orleans if you deem it desirable to do so.

I would remark, however, that the account of profit and loss  
cannot be admitted on the books of the subtreasury, but must  
be kept on the Mint books.

Very Respectfully

Saml. Vining

Sec. of the Treasury

*It is thought to be well to have all his for particular cases of the same*

*Signature of*  
J. W. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Chas. C.



191.

Treasury Department  
July 25<sup>th</sup> 1820.

Sir,

I have received your communication  
dated the 10<sup>th</sup> instant asking for a remittance of \$2000-  
it will be immediately attended to.

I take the opportunity to request, that you will  
exercise the closest attention to economy in the expenditures  
of the Mint and that you will retrench whenever  
practicable without injury to the public interests.

Very Respectfully

~~Wm. W. B. B.~~  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jos. M. Kennedy Esq.  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
W. Albany.



191.

Treasury Department

July 25<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a communication received from P. Riddell, in reply to a explanation of the charges preferred against him as Melted Refiner at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans, together with the documents which accompanied it.

You will be pleased, after giving them a careful examination, to report to the Department whether in your opinion the explanations are satisfactory - and I will thank you to return the papers, as soon as may be, to the Dep<sup>y</sup> with <sup>your report</sup> on the subject.

As it would seem from the papers, that the communication from your Mint to the Pr. at N. Orleans explaining the process pursued in making gold ingots was not received by P. Riddell. I would suggest that a copy be transmitted to him.

J. R. M. Patterson  
Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully  
~~Saml. M. McKim~~  
Sec of the Treasury.



192.

Treasury Department  
July 27. 1840.

Sir.

I transmitted on Saturday, for your examination &c a communication received from Dr. Riddell accompanied by documents in explanation of the charges against him as Melted Refiner at the Branch Mint at N. Orleans. And I have received a copy of a letter addressed to you by Dr. E. H. Barton which I send herewith - lest the original should not have been received by you.

I take occasion to call your attention particularly to one point in the case - It is stated, that the Coiner had succeeded in coining some of the bars from a melt of Gold at first objected to by him as being too brittle &c. - It may be the fact, and Dr. Riddell's explanations in relation to that matter are satisfactory, does it not necessarily follow that no new attacks be the Coiner for his conduct.

I mention this in order to suggest whether in giving the case your consideration it would not be well

to:



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make some enquiries as to the competence of the  
Cotter and his general habits for the education  
he holds. Some informal complaint has been mentioned  
to me against him.

Very Respectfully  
Sam. Greenleaf  
Secy of the Society.

W. D. M. Patterson  
Philad.



193.

Treasury Department  
July 27. 1840.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 18<sup>th</sup>. I have to remark, that the travelling expenses referred to by you cannot be allowed by this Department.

I take occasion to say, also, that in the present state of the Treasury it is desirable that all reductions be made in the number and pay of the workmen and in all other items of expenditure which can be done without injury to the public interests.

It may become necessary to draw upon your bullion account and I will thank you to state how far the sum now in your branch on that account can be reduced without interfering with your coining operations.

Very Respectfully  
*Sam. Washington*  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. D. Singleton Esq.  
Sup. Pr. Mint -  
Dahl. Co. - Ga.



193.

Treasury Department  
July 27. 1840.

Sir,

In the present state of the Treasury  
it may be found necessary to draw on your bullion  
account and I will thank you to state how  
much the sum now on hand may be reduced  
without interfering with your coining operations.

I take occasion to urge on you the necessity of  
exercising the closest attention to economy in all the  
expenditures of the Mint and to request, that you will  
retrench whenever practicable without injury to  
the public interests.

Very respectfully  
Saml Woodhury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

The Sup. Pr. Mint  
Charlotte  
- N.C.



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Treasury Department  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 1840

Si

I have received your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> suggesting the convenience and security of having the Treasury hours of our office as a public depository under the late law between 9 and 3, and I fully agree with you in the expediency of the step, ~~which has been~~.

I am Sir

Very respectfully  
Yours &c

Wm. Lindley

Treasurer of the United States  
Secretary of the Treasury



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Treasury Department

31<sup>st</sup>. July 1840.

Sir.

It is proposed by the United States Bank to deposit with you to the credit of the Treasury <sup>of the United States</sup> \$100,000. in specie.

This you will receive & keep with the other deposits made with you as a public depository - till drawn for or transferred by the Treasurer. You will take care not to mix them with the money or bullion, which you hold on other accounts, though when any of them are suitable for re-coining & the mint wants employment, you can take such parts & substitute for them new coin -

The drafts on you will usually be in large sums & not so often as to prove very inconvenient & they will always be on the money held by you as a depository unless otherwise specified on the face of them -

The additional business devolved on you as a depository will for some time not be large

Respectfully

L Woodbury

Secy of Tr.

H. C. Cammack,

Treasurer of B Mint

New Orleans,



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Treasury Department  
Sept. 8. 1840.

Sir,

The enclosed piece of ore was  
discovered in Ohio. The person who sent it to the  
Department states that Chymists are divided in  
opinion as to its quality. Will you have the  
goodness to cause it to be analyzed at the mint &  
the result to be reported to the Department.

Very Respectfully

David Armstrong  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Friend



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Treasury Department  
August 5<sup>th</sup> 1840.

(Sir)

Yours several communications dated the 3<sup>d</sup> instant have been received - and I approve of your suggestion contained in one of them - viz<sup>t</sup>. That Messrs. Taylor & Riddell have leave to make a visit to the Mint at Philadelphia, provided it can be done during the suspension of work at N. Orleans and the parties choose to make it at their own expense. I trust you may <sup>then</sup> be able to return at any thing near in doubt as to either.

Very Respectfully

Wm. Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury.

H. R. W. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

P.S. I enclose a letter received from the U.S. Consul at Vienna & send to your address, by the same mail, the package to which he refers. This Consul having no account with the Govt. cannot have his expenditures reimbursed in the usual way, by deposit to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. How can we assist him



the amount in a Bill of Ex. or authorize him to draw on you as amount  
be considered best.



145.

Treasury Department  
August 6. 1840.

Sir,

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult: has been received & I am happy to learn, that the difficulties in relation to the gold coinage have been removed. In relation to the coinage of Mexican dollars, received to the credit of the Treasury of the United States I have to refer you to the Director of the Mint at Philad: who, ever, some days since, authorized to adopt such an arrangement at the Mint in Philad: and the Branch at N. Orleans, if he should deem it desirable to do so.

Very Respectfully

Samuel B. Anderson  
Secy of the Treasury.J. S. Riddle  
Pr. Mint N. Orleans.



195  
Treasury Department.  
August 6. 1880.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. has been received. As the appropriations for the incidental & contingent expenses for the branch Mint at Charlotte for 1879 & 1880 are not kept distinct - You are authorized to pay for the repairing of the building, as the work proceeds, out of the moneys on account of contingencies, in your hands, in accordance with the contract.

Very Respectfully

*Wm. W. Woodbury*  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Wm. J. Singleton &  
Sup. Br. Mint -  
Savannah Ga.



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Treasury Department  
August 20<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Sir.

The draft sent to you for \$1000, was drawn in your  
favor through mistake, and to correct to it, please to  
request that the Treasurer of the Mint endorse it, and  
have it returned here, when it will be attended and  
the warrant made to correspond.

I am Sir Very Respectfully  
Yours  
Sam<sup>l</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Windling  
Secretary of the Treasury

B. M. Patterson Esq  
Clerk.  
Philadelphia.



196

Treasury Department  
August 21. 1840

Sir,

I transmit by this mail, to your  
address a box of dies received this morning, from  
the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia - He states  
that three more boxes will be transmitted by the  
next three mails - they will be forwarded to you  
as soon as received

Very Respectfully

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treas.

Jos. M. Kennedy  
Sup. Dir. Mint  
N. Albany.



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Treasury Department  
22<sup>d</sup> August 1840.

Sir,

I transmit to you; by this day's Mail, a package containing seven gold and fifty five silver and copper coins, the value of which please deposit with the Treasurer of the Mint to the credit of the Treasury as a receipt from Customs.

These coins are duplicates of some obtained some years since by the Department, in order to ascertain the value of foreign coins and were paid for out of the accruing revenues.

I am very respectfully  
Your obt. Servt,

Levi Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson, Esq,  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



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Treasury Department  
August 27. 1840.

Sir,

It has been intimated to the Department that much dissatisfaction has been expressed by the Depositors of small sums for recoinage with the Branch Mint at New Orleans. They complain that their claims for repayment are postponed in favor of larger depositors.

I beg to call your attention to the matter and will thank you to state whether there is any foundation for these complaints and what is the practice at the mint in relation to Deposits &c.

The safest rule to be adopted and adhered to rigidly would seem to be to pay no deposits in the order in which they are made. If this has not been the practice heretofore I would suggest the propriety of adopting it at once and of giving public notice to that effect.

Referring to your communication of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. relative to the recoinage of Mexican dollars received on account of the Treasurer of the United States I would further remark that



that any other <sup>misale</sup> foreign coins received at the Mint, whether  
of gold or silver, might, as well as the Mexican dollars, be  
recoined, provided the regular operations of the establishment  
were not interfered with & the payments to depositors  
delayed.

Very Respectfully  
Sam Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Jos. W. Kennedy  
Sup. Dir. Mint  
N. Albany



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Treasury Department  
Sept. 24. 1860.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 20<sup>th</sup> has been received. Permit me to enquire whether some expense would not be incurred in the transportation of gold coin from N. York to Philad<sup>a</sup>. for coining; and, whether, if such course is adopted it must not be done under the Act of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1837 for the purchase of metal for coining, and placed under your supervision.

Very Respectfully

Jesse Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. M. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



197  
Treasury Department  
Sept. 14. 1844.

Sir,

Your communication, dated yesterday, has been received - Before I act definitively in the matter, to which it relates, permit me to ask whether you have, at any time heretofore procured metal for coining, from N. York, and if so by what means and at what expense - and by what outpayers if any were employed? and if not from New York - how it has otherwise been procured for the purpose of it?

Very Respectfully

Samuel H. Kneass  
Secy of the Treas'y.

W. W. Patterson  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department

Sept. 23. 1840.

Sir,

Your communication dated the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., asking to be allowed your expenses incurred in travelling from N. Orleans to Philad.<sup>a</sup> N. York and back on matters relative to the operations of the Pr. Mint at N. Orleans was duly received. The necessary expenses incurred by you on that occasion are allowed by the President. The Treasurer of the Mint can refer to this letter in his account, as his authority for making the payment.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Mint.

B. L. Riddle

Pr. Mint N. Orleans.



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Treasury Department

September 23. 1870.

Sir

Agree communication of the 19<sup>th</sup> has been received. Can you not devise some plan as in 1857 to keep the Mint employed without incurring additional expense? if not I will give the subject further consideration

The objection now is that the expense will be attributed to the sub-treasury whereas it should really be charged to the mint if authorized, & should be avoided entirely, if possible

Very Respectfully

Levi Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philad<sup>a</sup>.



193

Treasury Department  
October 5th 1840.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a letter from the Messrs. Cohens, making certain inquiries, based on the supposition of recent instructions by me affecting the value of foreign gold, which I desire you will answer so as to enable me to furnish the information sought by them.

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director Mint  
Phila

I am Sir,  
Very respectfully—  
Jno W. Smith

Jno W. Smith  
Secretary of the Treasury



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January 2nd 1898

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Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the same amount of the same  
order is ready of the same amount of the same order of the same  
and expect that you will report on the result of the first and second  
thousand

Very Sir,

Yours - Mr. Clerk.

R. M. Tatham Esq  
Director of the Anti-  
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Director of the Anti-  
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Treasury Department

October 9<sup>th</sup> 1860

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. with the extract of the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives, complaining the discrepancy between the amount received by the Treasury and the gold coin of the United States and the amount of gold coin

that has been transferred upon the report of the directors of the Mint, and also the estimate of the amount of gold coin of foreign countries a legal tender of the United States Government

under the act of Congress. They are not such within the terms of the law.

As the act of the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1854 forbids the collection, sale, buying, transfer, or transportation of the United States currency except as provided in the act, during the period you speak of the collection during the period you speak of in the legal currency of the United States, and as French & British gold coins under the law of 1854 are generally understood



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The such, and are constantly offered in public  
payments in discharge of the requirements  
of the act of 18<sup>th</sup> July. I desire you to suggest  
at your earliest convenience, any remedy  
which may facilitate & propose to the collector  
and Treasurer of Public Money in the interim  
before the meeting of Congress & obviate the  
embarrassment which seems to have already  
arisen. I have this day received a  
letter from the collector of the District of  
Columbia on this subject and am anxious  
to avoid trouble and dissension to the  
community from this source as far as  
may be lawfully done.

Very respectfully  
Yours &c

John C. Calhoun  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Kell Patterson  
Treasurer of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Treasury Department

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1848

Sir,

It will be desirable within the ensuing 30 days to transfer from the Mint about \$100,000 in American Gold Coin to the Treasury here, for the purpose of <sup>to meet</sup> defraying the expenditure incident to the session of Congress.

I will thank you to inform me at your earliest convenience of the amount of such coin, which may be now transferred, that I may direct drafts to issue as opportunities may occur for bringing the money here.

*Also what amount can be had in fifteen or twenty days.*

I am Sir

Very respectfully  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

H. C. Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Anderson  
Secretary of the Treasury



199

Army department.

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1860

*Li.*

Oh, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., shewing the state of the Public defuncts in the Mint. I would not diminish this fund, were not the public wants at this time such as to require it. Its amount can again be enlarged, whenever our resources will permit. I will be most obediently & respectfully

From present appearances our fiscal necessities will require, that at least \$100,000 of the United States bonds should be ready in Gold to be transferred here within the next 30 days - a large part of it there and the rest soon afterwards. I must therefore request you to take the proper measures, and advise me how soon any amount equal to \$20 or 30,000 can be put under transfer to the Treasury.

E. L. Patterson Esq. of the Firm  
Philadelphia

Very respectfully  
yours  
John Thompson  
Secretary of the Academy



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Trammy Schenckment

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1840

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. Whenever  
I shall receive your reply to mine  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst in the same subject,  
I shall be happy to adopt such  
further steps as shall seem to be  
proper and necessary. I wish to cause as little  
change & difficulty to the community as possible. All  
changes can remain the present & are in  
their ordinary position.

Very respectfully  
Yours &c

Wm Patterson &  
Directors of the Unit  
Philadelphia

Secy. of the Society



199.

Army Department  
October 26 1844

Sir,  
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday

I will endeavor to direct transfers from the Mint to the Treasury to the extent of but 50,000 in Gold. The Treasury has two prepared for 15,000 each, which will be used as opportunities occur.

The difficulty in transferring Silver is the trouble ~~and~~ incalculable expense on account of its weight, in bringing it so far.

Can you not exchange it for Gold? If you find this impracticable we must make an effort to take it instead of Gold either in drafts, or by transfer, in order to relieve you from the embarrassments suggested. I enclose a check for the new dollar, which is indeed beautiful.

Robert Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

I am very respectfully  
Yours obedt Servt  
Samuel M. Young  
Secretary of the Treasury



200  
Treasury Department  
Oct<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. I have to remark, that a Warrant has, this day, issued in your favor, for the sum of \$211.33 on account of the salary of your Clerk up to the 31<sup>st</sup> inst. The delay in remitting your own salary under the act of 14<sup>th</sup> July 1840 has occurred in the Auditor's office, in consequence of the necessity of adopting there, in uniform mode of settling the salary accounts of the Receivers General &c. The Treasurer of the U. S. will, in the course of tomorrow, remit his draft for the Treasury notes received by him to which you refer, the warrant having passed through last week.

Very Respectfully Sir,  
J. M. Smith Sec<sup>y</sup>

Saml W. Wendell  
Secretary of the Treasury

William B. Cutting Esq

Receiver of the U. S. at New York

at the place

P. S. It appears by a statement just received from the Auditor's office that the salary of your Clerk from 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1840 is \$743.48



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Treasury Department

October 27. 1840.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant I have to remark, that in order to effect the object desired it will be necessary for you to draw a requisition in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint payable out of the appropriations from which the \$50,000. is to be refunded. The transfer can then be effected by Warrant & Counter warrant here.

From the books of this office there appears to be due to the officers of the Mint more than three quarters salary for the current year. This is an irregularity which should not exist and I shall be pleased to have it avoided in future. It is very desirable that the accounts under each head of appropriation be kept separate & distinct.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.D. R. M. Patterson  
Dirct<sup>r</sup> of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



199  
Treasury Department

November 11. 1820.

200

Sir,

Your communication, dated yesterday enclosing your estimates for the expenditures of the Mint and its branches for the year 1821 has been received.

It is not deemed proper, at this time, to ask for an appropriation for the purchase of additional ground as recommended by you - or for any increase of salaries as it may be supposed to look too much like dictating things for our successors -

I am perfectly willing, however, that you should bring both questions before the proper committees in Congress.

I remain very Respy.

Yours Albed. Servt

Saml Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
November 10<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sir,

From a letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst received this day  
from T. M. Kennedy Esq. Superintendent of the Br. Mint of the  
U. S. at New Orleans I transmit the following extract  
"for contingent expenses you will oblige me by remitting \$1000  
to Dr. Patterson for the purchase from time to time in Philadel.  
of such articles for the use of our mint as are not to be pro-  
"cured here"

Agreeably to this request, a warrant has, this day, issued  
in your favor, as Director of the Mint, for the sum of \$1000.

Very Respectfully Sir,  
I remain Your O<sup>b</sup> S<sup>t</sup>

Samuel B. May  
Secretary of the Treasury

T. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Br. Mint  
at Philadelphia



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Received of

Nov 11 1840

Dr.

The Board of Directors has ordered for  
the use of the public service here \$25,000.00  
in American Gold at the best bidding to  
that Board. There accordingly converted the  
Treasury of the U.S. before a transfer draft  
bearing that sum to its credit with the  
Treasury of the U.S. and will transfer on to  
that office to be paid to the Treasurer  
in that sum some day past, in  
readiness to be brought to the Treasury whenever  
the Treasurer shall see fit. Can be

Very respectfully  
Yours &c

Samuel J. May  
Secretary of the Board

Wm Patterson  
Director of the Bank  
Philadelphia



Received of the  
Honorable Secy of the  
Treasury

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In reply to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, I have  
to remark, that in compliance with your requisition of the 24<sup>th</sup>  
this a warrant was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, issued in favor of the  
Hon. Secretary for the sum of \$20,000 & charged as follows:

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1 Clerk

Expenses  
1 Clerk

Expenses  
1 Clerk

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11. 00. 00 of this sum  
for 11. 00. 00 of this sum

Accounting in this account 1 of similar date was a counter  
warrant which brought this sum of \$20,000 upon the books  
of the Treasury to the credit of the Secretary of the 10. 2. 11.  
upon the account purchase of copies for the office.

Very Respectfully Sir  
I remain Sir  
Your obedient servant

Secretary of the Treasury



201.

Treasury Department  
Decr. 2. 1840.

Sir

I transmit by this mail, to your address,  
a box of dies, received this morning from Philadelphia—  
It is expected that two more boxes will be received  
by the next two mails if so they will be immediately  
forwarded to you.

Very Respectfully  
*Samuel H. Murray*  
Sec. of the Treasury

Jos. W. Kennedy Esq  
Sup. Pr. Mint  
N. Orleans.



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Treasury Department

Dec. 12. 1870.

Sir,

Your communication of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst  
has been received and I will consult with the President  
and Secretaries of War and Navy on the subject of it.

If it be found that the object cannot be effected  
satisfactorily, without ~~an~~ an act of Congress, I will  
submit the matter to the consideration of the proper  
Committee. It is an object deemed by me very desirable.

Very Respectfully

Sam. Washington

Sec. of the Treasury

W. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>



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Treasury Department  
December 10. 1840.

Sir,

The President decided, in Sept. last, to allow the necessary expenses incurred by D. Riddell, in travelling from N. Orleans to Philad<sup>a</sup> and N. York and back on matters relative to the operations of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans.

The enclosed bill, presented by D. Riddell to the Treasurer of the Br. Mint at N. Orleans, has been submitted for the sanction of the Department. I will thank you to state, whether, in your opinion, the bill is reasonable in amount.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury

D. W. M. Patterson -  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



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Treasury Department  
December 16. 1840.

Sir,

The account of Dr. Riddell for travelling expenses received with <sup>my</sup> ~~your~~ letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> was submitted to the Director of the Mint for his approval and a letter has, this morning, been received from Dr. Patterson on the subject.

It appears to have been expressly understood by Dr. Patterson & Dr. Riddell, that the allowance to the latter if made at all, should only be for his necessary expenses, incurred on the road whilst actually travelling.

This limitation may not have been exceeded by Dr. Riddell, but, if so, the expenses were very great. You will be pleased to satisfy yourself from Dr. Riddell's bill of items & other sources of information if you deem it necessary, what were the necessary road expenses incurred on Dr. R.'s journey and if you warrant on the Treasurer to pay him that amount.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Secy of the Treasury.Wm McKenney &  
Sup. Br. Mint - N. Orleans.

Bill returned.



202  
Treasury Department  
December 17. 1834.

Sir,

The enclosed bill has just been presented to the Department for payment. It had been previously presented to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, with two letters on the subject - one to Genl. Gordon in July 1834 - and one to D. Bradford Esq. in December 1834.

I will thank you to make the necessary enquiry and communication to ascertain whether the account is at any time submitted to Mr. Gordon & Mr. Bradford and if so why it was not paid.

Very Respectfully

Saml. Woodhouse  
Secy. of the Treasury.

Wm. M. Kennedy  
Sup. of the Mint

W. A. M. Very Respectfully



202.

Treasury Department  
Dec. 21. 1820.

Sir

I forward, to your address, by this mail  
a box of dies received from Philadelphia. Another  
Box, it is expected will be forwarded by the next mails

Very Respectfully

Sam. Washington  
Sec. of the Treasury.

Pos. M. Kennedy &  
Sup. Dr. Mills  
N. Orleans.



Copy

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Treasury Department.  
Dec 22<sup>d</sup> - 1840.

Sir,

It has been intimated to the Department that the Branch Mint at N. Orleans has never been furnished with Eagle dies and suggesting whether it would not be proper to furnish them.

I will thank you to give your attention to the matter and, if you shall think it expedient to do so, to cause them to be sent at as early a period as practicable - and, also, to urge upon the officers of that branch the necessity of great industry & activity the coming year & of doing all in the way of coining that their means will enable them to perform

Very Respectfully  
L Woodbury  
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



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Treasury Department  
December 21. 1840.

Sir

Yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> have been received - and a box of dies for the N. Orleans Mint which shall be immediately forwarded.

The estimates as furnished by you on the 10<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>. have been submitted to Congress - and I will thank you to write to the Superintendent at N. Orleans, stating to him that fact and urging, if you have not already done so, the greatest economy in the expenditures ~~as you~~ have proposed.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury

Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Treasury Department  
Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1840

Sir

For many years Portuguese Gold and American Gold (of the old coinage) bore about the same premium in the New York and Philadelphia markets. But sometime in the year 1837, they began to vary in price, and the Price Currents of the two cities represent Portuguese Gold to have been falling in one city, in comparison with American Gold of the old coinage, while it was rising <sup>in</sup> the other!

An abstract of the Price Currents places this in a striking light.

New York

|                                | 1836          | 1837           | 1838          | 1839     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------|
| Portuguese Gold                | 6 1/2 to - p. | 6 1/2 to 10 p. | 2 1/2 p to p. | p to - p |
| American Gold<br>(old coinage) | 6 1/2 to - p  | 6 1/2 to 11 p. | 9 1/2 to - p  | 7 to - p |

Philadelphia

|                                | 1836          | 1837       | 1838        | 1839           |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Portuguese Gold                | 6 to 6 1/2 p. | 6 to 10 p. | 10 to 12 p. | 7 1/2 to 12 p. |
| American Gold<br>(old coinage) | 6 to 7 p.     | 6 to 10 p. | 6 to 11 p.  | 8 1/2 to 9 p.  |



than the price of the London Exchange, Antigua Gold &  
Gold and American Gold of the old images, was  
more of about the same value in New York and  
Philadelphia, making allowance for the difference  
in the paper currencies of the two cities.

At Philadelphia, American Gold (old images)  
was at 70 s. 6 d., and Antigua Gold 2 s.  
At New York, Antigua Gold was 70 s. 6 d.,  
and American Gold (old images) 70 s. 6 d.

That Antigua Gold should appear to rise  
in one city, while it was falling in the other,  
may be accounted for by supposing errors to  
have crept into the New Currents; but this  
supposition will not account for its permanent  
fall in New York, and its ultimate fall in  
Philadelphia.

Has there, of late years, been any change  
in the fineness of Antigua Gold, and if so,  
when was it first noticed at the Mint? If  
there has been no such change, to what do you  
attribute the fall in the price of Antigua



Gold is compared with silver in Gold is the  
 all things? I am very Respectfully,  
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I am, very Respectfully,  
 Your Obedient Servant

*Sami Woodbury*

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint

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Treasury Department  
Dec. 20. 1840.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communications of the 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and to  
express my gratulation at the favorable account you  
give of the operations of the Branch Mint at  
N. Orleans.

Very Respectfully

Sam<sup>l</sup> Woodbury  
Sec. of the Treasury.

G. W. M. Patton  
Director of the  
Mint



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Secretary Department  
Sept. 22, 1861

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Sir

now keep to  
your paper  
with a view  
marked. M

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication of the 14th inst. and to  
express my qualifications of the personal account was  
given of the operations of the same in the  
at M. exam.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Smith  
U. S. Army

D. M. P. 1861  
at risk

Genl. M. Patton

Genl. of the Army

Washington